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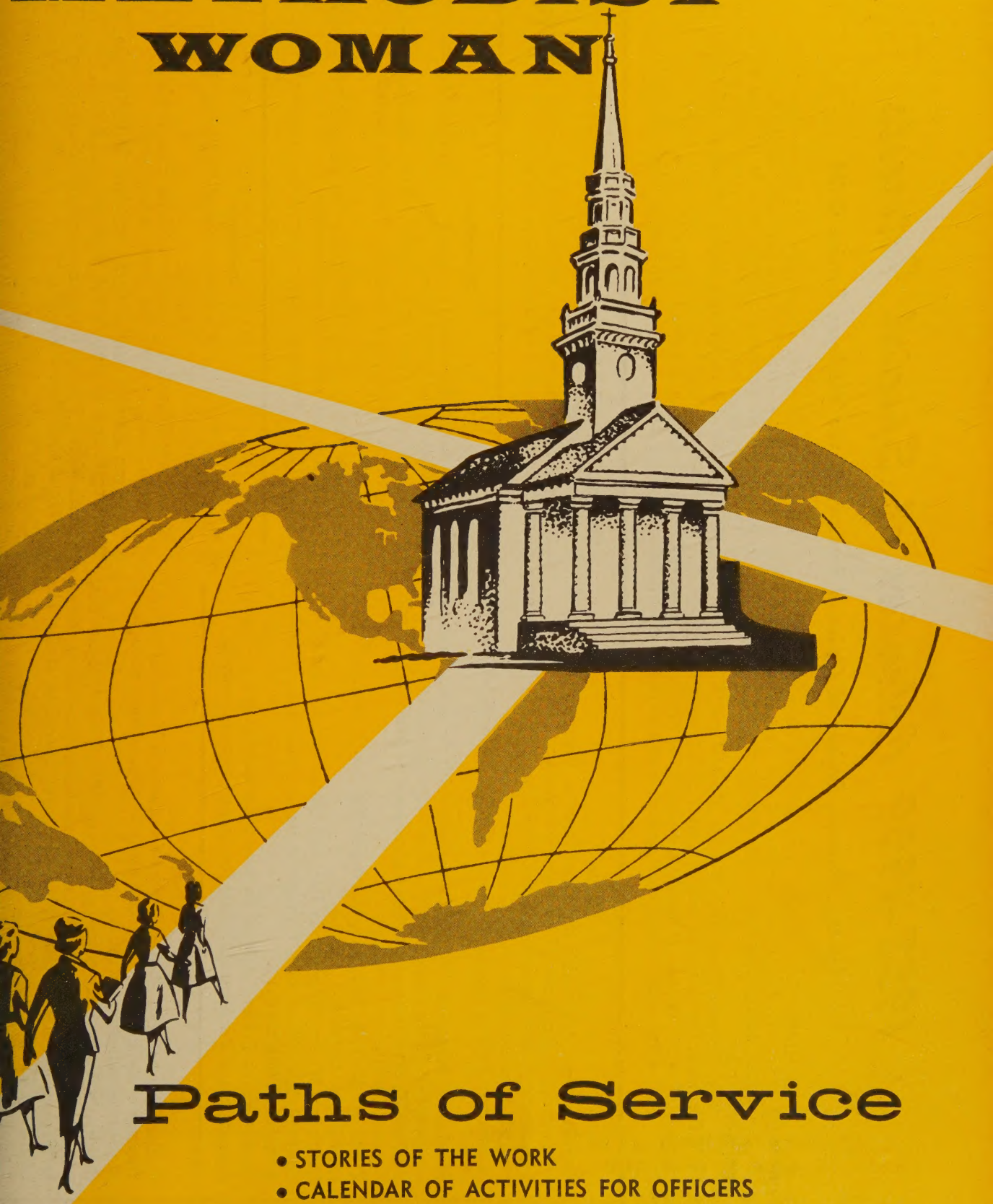

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1958-1959 Calendar of Special Interests

for the Woman's Society of Christian Service and the Wesleyan Service Guild

This calendar lifts up a few activities as a suggested guide for the year. Add other items from the lists of activities presented on the following pages to meet the needs of your Society.

The *Program Book* and *Worship Booklet* on "Christ for the World We Sing" and articles from THE METHODIST WOMAN and WORLD OUTLOOK are essential for informative programs on the work of the Woman's Division. Make plans early and secure all necessary material well in advance of need. Unless otherwise noted, order all literature from Literature Headquarters, 7820 Reading Road, Cincinnati 37, Ohio; or Distributing Offices.

- The Secretary of Promotion should see that all reports are mailed by October 1, February 1, and June 1.
- The treasurer should remit quarterly receipts to conference (or district) treasurer by August 5, November 5, February 5, and May 10.

June

Vice-President: Meet with the Committee on Program to plan the total educational program of the Woman's Society.

Treasurer: Present recommendations from Committee on Finance on methods to secure funds for total budget.

Promotion: Plan to attend Promotion Clinic at your School of Missions.

Missionary Education: Become acquainted with the study materials for 1958-1959 in the June issue of THE METHODIST WOMAN.

Student Work: Cooperate in church plans for observance of Methodist Student Day (Second Sunday).

Youth Work: Help in making it possible for youth to attend camp, institute, or assembly.

Children's Work: Cooperate in Vacation Church School plans.

Spiritual Life: Meet with Committee on Spiritual Life to become acquainted with materials.

Supply Work: Present *Askings* to Society for acceptance.

Literature and Publications: Send for Annual Announcements.

July

Student Work: Send *Student Information Cards* to Methodist campus Director of Religious Life, Director of Wesley Foundation, or to pastor of the church before August 1.

Children's Work: Take advantage of summer training opportunities.

Status of Women: Secure and study all available materials on Status of Women, including *Handbook, A Guide*, the *Discipline* of the The Methodist Church.

Literature and Publications: Urge use of *Prayer Calendar.*

Student Work: Urge women to entertain students from overseas, especially during holidays.

Literature and Publications: Secure Christmas gift subscriptions to THE METHODIST WOMAN and WORLD OUTLOOK.

December

Christian Social Relations: Cooperate in church-wide observance of Commitment Sunday and Human Rights Day.

Student Work: Work with pastor in the observance of Student Recognition Day (fourth Sunday). Welcome students home with a tea or brunch.

Children's Work: Assist with plans for January missionary units, Sunday sessions, and additional sessions.

Spiritual Life: Promote Christ-centered Christmas activities.

January

Promotion: Participate in observance of Epiphany, January 6, with especial attention to new members.

Missionary Education: Cooperate in the church-wide study "Methodism in Alaska and Hawaii" when it is offered.

Wesleyan Service Guild: Guild month. Publicize the Guild by making known its purpose and program.

Youth Work: Provide resources for adult workers in the MYF for the study of the "Middle East."

Children'sWork: Assist with leadership in presenting missionary units in church school and additional sessions.

In Memoriam

Friends

Mrs. Mary Morris Cartwright, 71, ife of Dr. Frank T. Cartwright, for- ıer associate secretary of the Board f Missions, died February 21. Her ome was in Maplewood, New Jersey. esides her husband, two sons survive.

Services were held on February 15 ı Foundry Methodist Church, Wash- ıgton, D. C., for *Mrs. Clara Yetter lint*, 79, wife of Bishop Charles W. lint, retired. Survivors include her usband, a son and daughter, and two sters—one being Mrs. Gordon Bailey f St. Paul, Minnesota.

Mrs. Frederick F. Lindsay, 90, died ı February 24 in St. Paul, Minnesota. he was a greatly beloved and capable ader of the Woman's Foreign Mis- onary Society of the Methodist Epis- ›pal Church. Beginning in 1907 as ›rresponding secretary of Minnesota ranch with special responsibilities for lalaya and the Philippines, she served ıter as a vice-president of the Wom- ı's Foreign Missionary Society and chairman of the Home Department. Mrs. Lindsay was a delegate to two General Conferences and also to the Uniting Conference in 1939. She was a member of the commission to study woman's work during unification.

Just at press time, we received word of the death of *Mrs. W. H. Ratliff*. She was killed Saturday, March 29, 1958, in an automobile accident near Jackson, Mississippi.

Mrs. Ratliff was a member of the Woman's Division for almost twelve years and served as chairman of the Department of Christian Social Relations for a part of one quadrennium, until illness forced her resignation. She was chairman of the standing Committee of Status of Women from 1952-56.

Missionaries and Deaconesses

Miss Lula Adelia Miller, 88, retired missionary to Korea, died March 6, 1958.

She was born in Kankakee, Illinois, June 3, 1870, and was graduated from Folts Institute, Herkimer, New York, in 1901. That same year she sailed for Korea under the auspices of the New York Branch of the Woman's Missionary Society, where for thirty-seven years she did evangelistic work and supervised day schools in Chemulpo and Suwon Districts.

Miss Miller retired in 1938, returning to the United States and taking up residence in Folts House, Herkimer, New York. For the past several years she had lived at "Robincroft" in Pasadena, California.

Miss Miller was endowed with great qualities of earnestness, generosity, and vision. Her life was a blessing to all who had come under her influence.

Miss Olive L. Smith was born in Vandalia, Illinois. She attended high school at Massillon, Ohio, and was graduated from the Normal School then connected with Mt. Union College, Mt. Union, Ohio. Upon retirement, in 1935, Miss Smith went to Paradise, California, to make her home with her niece. Prior to that time she served as boys' matron at Jesse Lee Home when it was located at Unalaska and then at Seward, Alaska. Miss Smith died February 27, 1958. She would have been ninety-nine years of age had she lived until May 5.

Annuity

This letter came from one of the annuitants of the Woman's Division of hristian Service:

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is is the Kiel Auditorium, St. Louis, Missouri, where 10,000 women will gather for the Fifth Assembly of the Woman's Society of Christian Service May 6-9, 1958.

Mrs. J. D. Bragg
sident of the Woman's
Division, 1940-1948

Mrs. Frank G. Brooks
President, 1948-1956

Mrs. J. Fount Tillman
President, 1956-

"Eighteen Years of United Endeavor" is the theme of the President's Message scheduled for Tuesday afternoon, May 6. Mrs. J. D. Bragg, Mrs. Frank G. Brooks, and Mrs. J. Fount Tillman will review highlights of the years from 1940-1958. Mrs. Tillman will summarize the findings of the Assembly on Friday afternoon.

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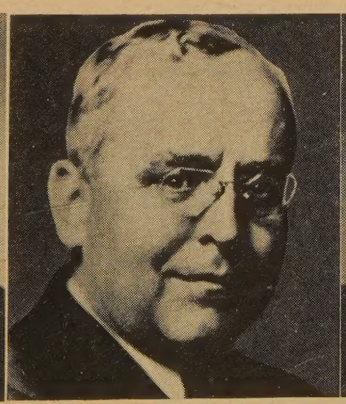


Bishop Ivan Lee Holt will participate in the Thursday evening program.

Bishop Mathew W. Clair, Jr., St. Louis Area (left), and Bishop Eugene M. Frank, Missouri Area, will bring greetings on Tuesday afternoon and serve the Holy Communion on Friday afternoon.

CO-WORKERS *together with God*

by

MABEL MICHEL

WHAT a privilege to be a co-worker with God!

When I think about this privilege, I am amazed at the responsibility God has placed upon us. He has limited himself to human channels. He has limited himself to your feet and my feet, to your hands and my hands, to your lips and my lips. We must not fail Him.

"And I—if I am lifted up from the earth—will draw all men to me." This we know refers to the kind of death Jesus was to die. Yes, He was lifted up from the earth to the cross. He died, He was buried, He arose, He ascended into Heaven. He conquered sin and death and then He said, "Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations; baptize them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit; and teach them to observe every command which I have given you. And remember, I am with you always, day by day, until the close of the age." (Matthew 28:19-20)

To be able to assume the responsibilities that are ours as workers together with God, preparation is necessary. Teachers and preachers must give time for preparation, and so do chemists, nurses, doctors, mechanics, bookkeepers—anyone, in any field of work. It takes time for preparation.

What about a co-worker together with God?

There is one certain preparation that every co-worker must have—a personal knowledge of the presence of Jesus Christ in the heart as Savior and King. I shall never forget that time of preparation in my own heart. As I knelt at the altar of prayer in a little country Methodist church in South Dakota and made my consecration and dedication to God, a peace that passes all understanding filled my heart. That same evening a Voice called me to Africa.

Just a few evenings ago, I was talking with one of my nephews, a minister, about this business of being a co-worker together with God. He said to me, "Did you ever get discouraged and feel like quitting?" I said, "Yes, I have sometimes." And then he said, "Why didn't you?" My reply was: "I go back to that day of consecration and know that it was God who called me to work with Him. He chose me and I obeyed. Even in discouraging times and in dark places that call remains. I know I am where He wants me to be. That assurance gives courage and vision and a desire to tell others of God's great peace. It calls us into service."

Salida is one of the girls in the Hartzell Girls' School in Chicuque, Mozambique. She came to us from a non-Christian home. Her family worship ancestral spirits; they go to a witch doctor; they wear charms to keep off sickness and death. Salida's pastor saw possibilities of leadership in her and wanted her to have a chance to go to school. She has been with us now for a few years.

Just before I left the station we were having evangelistic meetings. Salida prayed very earnestly. At the close of a prayer session we asked if anyone wished to say anything. Salida arose and with tears streaming down her cheeks, she poured out her heart, saying that if her people back home knew what she knew and if they could only know Jesus as Savior, they would not do the things that they are doing. They, too, would be Christians. She told how her heart longed to tell this Good News to them. I am sure she will one day when she finishes her work at school. These are the kind of girls we count on to go back home and make Christ known. They, too, are co-workers together with God.

Jesus said, "I have also other sheep which do not belong to this fold. Those also I must bring, and they will listen to my voice; and they shall become one flock under one Shepherd." (John 10:16)

"Go ye therefore . . . I am with you always, day by day, Until the close of the age."

Missionaries enjoy an interlude of music at the Annual Meeting. Miss Hannah Gallagher of India plays the piano for Miss Louise Campbell of India and Miss Constance Blackstock, Pakistan.

GHANA

by MARIAN L. DERBY

Miss Marian L. Derby, executive secretary for Latin America, and Miss rene A. Jones, associate executive secretary, Division of Foreign Missions of the lational Council of Churches, were the only two women among the eleven fficial delegates from the United States. We are proud to note that Miss Derby erved on the Secretariat and Nominations Committee at the Conference and articipated in the group which discussed "What Does Partnership in Obedience lean?" and in the Committee on "New Forms of Missions." Miss Derby was ppointed as a member of the Administrative Committee and also on the lew York section of the Finance Committee.

THE very name of Ghana has a fascination. The name was taken from an ancient West frica empire and given to the new ttle country which occupies a part f the same territory. There is uch about the country that is new —the large modern airport, the uxurious tourist hotel, the Univer-ty College with three residence alls, each with its comfortable ormitories, well-appointed dining oom, and beautiful little chapel. et in the midst of this, it does not eem incongruous to see tribal hiefs with bright togas, gold-udded black velvet crowns, and eautiful yellow gold rings gleam-ng richly on both hands.

For many who have visited this art of the world, the name of hana will bring to the imagina-on a combination of a picture of ie Queen of Sheba and a sampling f the ultramodern buildings of Iiami Beach, mixed with British aditions in food, speech, and edu-ation. But for the next few years, hristians interested in the church n all parts of the world will prob-bly associate Ghana with the ssembly of the International Mis-onary Council which opened at ie University College near Accra ecember 27, 1957.

The International Missionary ouncil is really a Council of ouncils—a consultative body of irty-eight national Christian uncils. The Ghana Assembly was successor to similar meetings held Whitby, Canada, in 1947 and in Willengen, Germany, in 1952. Of the two hundred persons in attendance, seventy-one were voting delegates elected to represent the member councils. Fourteen delegates came from the United States and Canada, twenty-two from Europe, and the remaining thirty-five from Asia, Africa, Latin America, and Oceania. This ratio of about 50-50 between what we often term the "younger" and the "older" churches was true of the total attendance at the Assembly.

The Assembly theme, "The Christian Mission for This Hour," was significant especially when we realize this was the first international meeting of such proportion ever held in Africa. More representatives from Africa were present than in previous meetings. Their active participation focused attention on that continent on several occasions as thought was given to the significance of this hour in history and its implications for the Christian mission.

The conviction that the Christian world mission is Christ's, not ours, was expressed at various times. Recognizing this, however, does not preclude the realization that we must be fellow workers with Christ in His mission. Continual recognition was made that the church in all parts of the world must be a missionary church. This means missionary obedience for the church in Africa, Asia, and Latin America as well as for the church in Europe and North America—not just in a generalized ideal but in specific undertakings.

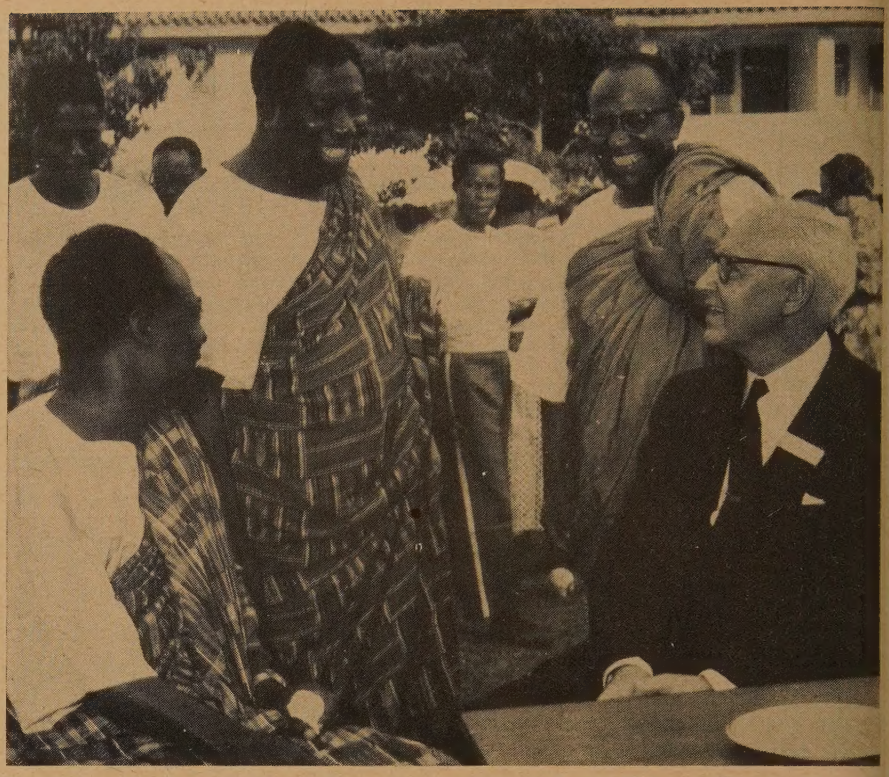
Discussions showed repeatedly that the distinction between "older" and "younger" churches is no longer valid: we are all equally called to obedience to our one missionary Lord. Churches may differ in resources and in opportunity, but if they are churches, they must be

On the platform at the opening session of the Assembly of the International Missionary Council were, from left, the Rev. Christian Baeta of Ghana, Dr. Charles W. Ransom, Dr. John Mackay, and Dr. Helen Kim (vice-chairman) of Korea.

obedient to Christ. We cannot decide for each other what that obedience means, though we need to think in terms of working together and of supplementing each other's efforts rather than in competition as we share the responsibility for His universal mission.

This emphasis on the church in all parts of the world being obedient to its missionary calling quite naturally became a part of the important question of the integration of the International Missionary Council with the World Council of Churches. After much discussion in plenary sessions and in committees, this integration was approved in principle though many details were left to be completed and regular procedures for official approval will have to be followed before this integration becomes effective.

In facing the missionary task, the need for better-trained church leaders was recognized. A committee on The Ministry was elected. A part of this committee will serve also to administer a fund for Theological Education which has been established by the Sealantic Fund and eight mission boards in the United States. The Woman's Division of Christian Service, as one of the contributing agencies, will be represented on this committee.



Dr. John Mackay is shown with the prime minister, Kwame Nkrumah, and Peter Dagadu, secretary of the National Christian Council of Ghana.

The urgency of the continuing missionary task was the conviction at Ghana. This is evidenced by the fact that there are more non-Christians in the world today than when the modern missionary movement began. In this technological age there is a desperate need to point men to the Lord of all life; and the renascence of the ancient religions makes the need for the Christian proclamation most insistent at this hour. This is the Christian mission and it is felt by the church in every land. The task has just begun.

Sanctuary of Sorrow

by MARIETTA MANSFIELD

A BITTER cold wind swept the countryside of the Bijnor District in North India. It was a Sunday in December. I paused a moment at the gateway to the place where I was to lead a worship service. The sign over the gateway read, *Galit Ashram*—the Abode of Disease. "Be it known to all who come this way that we who live in the Abode of Disease are helpless. We suffer from leprosy." Even though I had read that sign many times before, I shivered and pulled my coat closer around my body. The sign itself was the kind to chill, to repel, and to strike fear into the heart—except to the church. To the church that sign is an invitation to enter, to comfort, and to cheer.

My friends stood on the edge of their Abode of Disease to welcome me into their midst. "Good afternoon, Mother," they raised their hands in salutation as they greeted me. "We are happy today because you have come." Happily they announced, "Mother, today not one of us went anywhere to beg. We are all here." Gladly they led the way to a warm sunny place swept clean under the trees. I sat on a stool I had taken with me. And the lepers, my children, sat clustered around me joyfully opening their songbooks.

"Let us," I said, "begin our worship this Sabbath Day by the sing-

g of a hymn of praise." Together
e sang of God's glory; of His
ve for mankind; and of His care
r each of His children. I read to
em from the Bible how God sent
is Son into the world and how He
ngs to come into the hearts of
en and women. Simply I spoke
them of God's nearness to us;
w we are free to bring Him into
e realm of our life at any time
e are willing to make a place for
im. I tried to tell them how God
His mercy looks upon each of
s and sees our trouble, whatever
be; how He understands us be-
use He loves us. I told them that
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ord that was made flesh to dwell
nong us. Jesus the Son of God,
Eternal Presence, comes to be
ith us; to live with us; to walk
ith us; to cleanse our sins; to heal
r hurts, our diseases. He comes
ch day to each one to give life
d light if we will but let Him;
we will open our hearts to Him.

As they sang the closing hymn of
at worship service in a pleading
ayer, I joined them. This is a
anslation of the hymn:

nners and far from thee we be;
ive us a vision of Thyself today.
ome to us, Lord Jesus, we pray;
ive us a vision of Thyself today.

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Thee.
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ive us a vision of Thyself today.

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woe;
h, Lord, Thy loving protection on
us bestow.
ome to us, Lord Jesus, we pray;
ive us a vision of Thyself today.

After pronouncing the benediction, I announced cheerfully, "Today I have brought you something nice! Milk and cheese, and vegetables from my own garden." A quiet stillness settled upon the group.

Their leader stood up tall and straight, clad in clean rags, with the dignity of a prince. He said, "Mother, do not think you must bring us something every time you come. God gives to us a great plenty for our needs. It is not things we want. We want you." And with tears in his eyes he continued, "When you come here and we sit in this Sanctuary of Sorrow to sing of God and His love for us; when you read to us from God's Word; and when we pray together, then our heart is no longer sad; we are comforted. No," he continued, "it is not things we need; we want you, our Mother, to come to us; to be with us; and to pray with us."

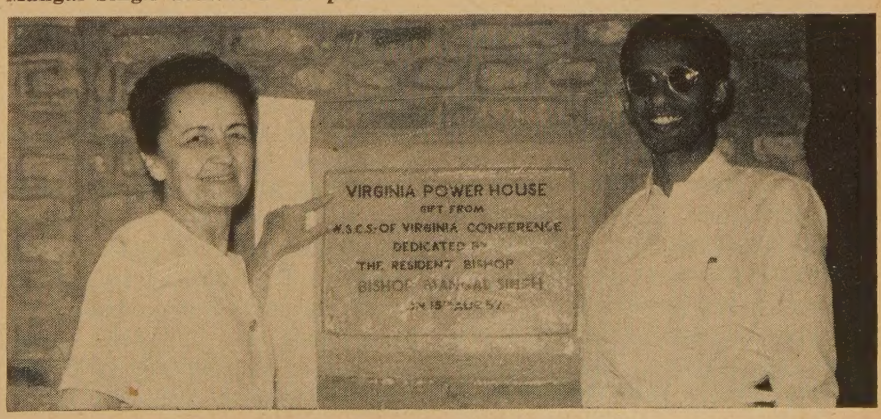
Tears streamed from my eyes and unashamed I let them fall. Looking from one to the other, I saw them nodding assent. In that group of people I saw faces etched in lines of sorrow, suffering, and sadness. I could look at them with eyes of understanding because I had just fought my way through the maze of paralytic polio. My heart went out to these people, the healthiest of which was sick. The appearance of some was marred by the ravages of the disease: the bridges of their noses had fallen in; some were blind; one had lost portions of his lower limbs; the hands of most were crippled. Again I thought how terrible it is to live a life of complete isolation in utter poverty. It is tragic enough to be cut off from the rest of the world without having to suffer from hunger and cold as well. I thanked God they could sing and prayed that He would give to each one the courage to face each day triumphantly.

The Hindu priest sat near my feet. He had joined with the others as they sang. As he looked into my face with the trust of a child, I remembered my first visit to the leper colony nearly two years before. He had sat on the fringe of the crowd in stony silence with dark scowling looks. I remembered how trust had replaced suspicion and how love had come to replace hate. My association with the people of the leper colony has been an adventure into faith. Watching them grow in the warmth of fellowship and understanding, I, too, have come closer to God. What richer reward could one want?

These lepers do not walk alone. The church is there with arms of love to enfold them and to uphold them when they sit down in their Sanctuary of Sorrow.

Gift from Virginia Conference

The Virginia Conference Woman's Society gave an electric plant to Bowen-Bruere Hospital, Puntamba, Ahmednagar District, India. Dr. Edith Lacy, Woman's Division missionary from Virginia, and Dr. Krishnamurtly, hospital superintendent, stand by plaque on the outside of the generator house. Bishop Mangal Singh dedicated the plant.



From right at a meeting of the Gener Committee in London are the Rev. M A. Birtwhistle, the Rev. T. A. Beetham Miss Muriel Stennett, the Rev. D. H Childe, the Rev. A. S. Beaty (chai man of the day), the Rev. B. Clutte buck, Miss Alice Walton, Mrs. W. H Shearer (woman treasurer), and Mr R. Ladlay.

Women's Work of the Methodi Missionary Society of Great Brit ain and Ireland celebrates one hun dred years of service during 195 This is now a unit of the Worl Federation of Methodist Wome

Celebrating One Hundred Years of Service

for women by women

by EDITH A. LADLAY

October 26, 1858, the General Committee of the Wesleyan Methodist Missionary Society approved a Resolution:

The subject of Female Education in India is regarded by this Committee with lively interest . . . they looked favorably on this project . . . for the promotion of Female Education in India and in other parts of the Mission Field.

TWO ladies from each of the London circuits were called to form a committee. On December 20, 1858, "The Ladies Committee for the Amelioration of the Condition of Women in Heathen Countries, Female Education, etc." held its first meeting. The "et cetera" was appropriate, for this special work has led women into varied paths of service and today Women's Work is organized throughout the churches of British Methodism, and its women missionaries share in the work of the church on four continents, joining with colleagues of many lands in a ministry of teaching and healing, in the proclamation of the gospel, and in pastoral work.

The beginning of Women's Work must, however, be traced back more than a hundred years. The missionary work of the Methodist Church began in 1786 and from the earliest days the wives of the missionaries gave heroic service. From the secluded homes of Britain, sometimes from remote villages, women went with their husbands to preach the gospel of Christ in far places.

The missionaries' wives discovered that only women could help women in their need. They visited the many who lived in seclusion because of the age-old custom of their lands. They established schools which they found difficult to maintain in face of opposition and inertia, and sometimes because of the care of their own homes and children. They began to talk of the possibility of single women being appointed, teachers who could give their whole time to the education of girls.

A letter from Mrs. Peter Batchelor of Negapatam, in India, to Miss Farmer, the daughter of the treasurer of the Missionary Society, really started things happening. Mrs. Batchelor had herself opened a small day school for girls. She thought that a boarding school would be a more valuable missionary instrument, but lack of money prevented her from opening such a school. She believed that if the women of the Methodist Church would work together with the special intention of providing education for girls in India, God would use their gifts greatly in the service of the church there.

Her letters to Miss Farmer bore fruit to a greater extent than she had dared to hope and when her suggestion was carried to the General Secretaries of the Missionary Society, it received not only sympathetic consideration but also prompt action.

Within a year of the first meeting of the Ladies' Committee, Susanna Gooding Beal, a teacher trained at Westminster Normal College, had sailed for British Honduras. A year later she died from yellow fever to the great distress of the ladies in London and the children who had come to love her in Belize.

The work of that early committee continued and prospered but it was mainly in the hands of a select group of ladies, the wives of the leading ministers and influential laymen. They worked in simple

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ways supplying as they could the needs presented to them; it might be a teacher in India or articles of clothing for Hudson's Bay.

An Influential Woman

In 1874 Mrs. Caroline Meta Wiseman joined the committee. She had married the Rev. Luke Wiseman, a General Secretary of the Missionary Society, and was therefore a member ex officio.

After the first meeting she went into her husband's office saying that she would not continue in a committee which settled everything outside it! "Yes, you will," he answered quietly, "and in a short time you will have made another thing of it altogether, and a much better one."

His words were prophetic and the name of Mrs. Wiseman became a household word in the homes of Wesleyan Methodism.

The quaint name of the original committee disappeared from the records and the Ladies' Auxiliary took its place. The Auxiliary pledged itself to send teachers where needed and calls came from the West Indies, Fiji, India, South and West Africa.

In 1878 the Auxiliary presented a Memorial to the General Committee protesting that it had appointed a woman missionary to Calcutta whose work in the *zenanas* was to be carried on independently of the Ladies' Auxiliary. They had understood that the appointment of women missionaries was in the hands of the "Female Branch of the Society's operation."

Out of this very politely conducted dispute a new field of service opened and *zenana* missions were added to the educational work previously undertaken. This was followed in 1881 by the beginning of medical work at a time when women doctors were few and their training difficult to arrange.

Mrs. Wiseman was Foreign Secretary of the Ladies' Auxiliary but her work extended into the field of Home Organization. Interest in the work of the Auxiliary began to extend beyond the capital and from the provinces came requests that they should be represented on the committee. Mrs. Wiseman traveled throughout Britain organizing "associations." She was at first diffident about speaking, the common view at that time being that it was not "ladylike" for a woman to address a meeting. Nevertheless she addressed at least 1,500 meetings, but to the end of her life she always made sure no man was present!

In addition to her travels at home, Mrs. Wiseman made long and arduous journeys overseas. In 1888 she visited India and Ceylon, and in 1902 she went to India and Ceylon again and made an extensive journey through China. She disliked sea voyages and suffered greatly from seasickness, but she accepted the responsibility of making such visits as a commission from God.

Today the portrait of Mrs. Wiseman hangs in the great committee room in the Mission House in London. A gracious lady exquisitely gowned and wearing precious lace looks down upon the men and women of our day. The portrait is true to her grace and beauty and yet it shows the strength of mind and character which could inspire awe in the heart of the young missionary candidate and cause committees for the most part to be obedient to her wishes.

When she died in 1912 many people thought the work of the Auxiliary would collapse; but other women came forward as leaders and there was no loss of interest and enthusiasm.

The work overseas was growing rapidly and in 1918 a special campaign was organized to raise £100,000. Out of the organization of this campaign the present structure in district and local committees emerged. These committees and their officers gained conference recognition and gradually the Auxiliary fitted into the normal pattern of the organization of the Methodist Church in Britain.

Women's Work

In 1932 the three branches of the church which had divided in the early days of the Methodist movement were reunited and the name of "Women's Work" was chosen for the united women's auxiliaries. It has been said the prayerful resolution that the three organizations should be one in deed as well as in word was, under God, one of the chief influences making for the true union of the three churches.

Today Women's Work is proud to be a part of the Methodist Missionary Society. It still raises its own income and decides how it shall be spent, but its Minutes are confirmed by the General Committee which the conference appoints. Since 1927 the women secretaries have been part of the team of secretaries who serve the Missionary Society. They share fully in the planning of policy and in the preparation of the annual budget.

Overseas the women missionaries form a part of the whole church. Years of Christian training are making it possible for women of the church overseas to share in full-time service in the church.

On April 26, 1958, the Methodist Church in Britain, as a family, celebrated the hundredth birthday of Women's Work by attending the presentation in the Royal Albert Hall of a pageant, *Kingdoms Ablaze*. We remember in thankfulness to God our predecessors of 1858. They were pioneers in the struggle for the "lady" to do a job outside her home. At that time it was thought hardly respectable that a woman of education and means should work!

Today women take their place in the community of men and women. There are still special needs to which only women can minister but none can be divorced from the life of the church and the world.

Women's Work is an essential part of the whole church. It must work within the total task, stimulating the keenness of others, helping to ensure that the balance of the whole missionary interest is kept. In the confidence of God's blessing we face the future with hope and joy.

by

ALPHARETTA LEEPER

Guilty?

Our Witness the Answer

OUT of the quadrennial Student Conference held at Lawrence, Kansas, came a statement which has caused thoughtful self-probing on the part of concerned workers with students. That the statement was voiced by a particular group—and one not too large at that—does not make it of less importance. The fact that it was brought to the attention of the full conference body and received consideration makes it of significance to those who are in responsible positions of leadership among the present student generation—which, we must add, is also a part of the church which it now calls to judgment. But let's look at the statement:

> We students have been accused of having been the uncommitted generation. We admit that—but deny that it has been through choice or indifference. To the contrary, most of us are searching for that cause to which we can offer our unreserved allegiance.
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> We are not easily misled. The church as she stands is not worth our lives but the mission of the church, obedient to her Lord, is worth our lives. Yet the church has not called us to her Lord, or to her mission enough to excite our response. We hope our disappointment and hesitation will awaken our church to fulfill her role in the world—a role which demands sacrifice and devotion which we are ready to give.

A pretty strong indictment, isn't it? But not too surprising when one realizes that for some students the preparation for, and the participation in, the Quadrennial Conference brought to focus for the first time in their lives the demanding yet tragic role the Christian church should play in the affairs of men. Indeed, the words just read reveal the awful awareness of the double role of devotion and sacrifice demanded of those who in obedience would follow their Lord.

If there is a present "uncommitted generation" of college youth, let those of us who have passed through the vigor of our own youthful dedications face with honesty our failure to so represent the call of our Lord to witness and service, that those who now follow after have neither seen nor been challenged by Him and His mission.

It has been said that, given a cause challenging enough or a job difficult enough, youth will devote to it their allegiance with wholehearted loyalty. That there is truth in this observation insofar as the Christian church is concerned is readily noted when one recalls that many of the significant movements in the life of the church have originated on the college or university campus. Youth have enthusiasm and vigor. Their minds are eager and their spirits are not held by fears of the past. When they have been confronted and won by the redeeming power of God as revealed in Christ, then in holy obedience they will bring these same gifts to Him for dedication and direction. Through such dedication power can be released and God will have yet another willing instrument through which His witness may be made.

The world in which the present-day college student has been surrounded from birth has been filled with uncertainty, war, and rumors of war. In the midst of these complexities there is no wonder that all too often he has looked to the church and found her a bewildered, ineffectual channel for God's power and mercy. The church has claimed to have the Word of Life but all too often has had no one prepared and eager to proclaim it. In home and church alike Christ's followers have been speechless with no message for a sad and tension-filled world. Could it be that this is another instance where the blind has been leading the blind? The statement from our college students should give us pause to ask.

It might, at this point, be well to consider what the usual church members (ourselves) would say, if a college student should ask, "What does being a Christian mean to

you?" or "What is unique in the Christian message?" How many would be prepared to pass over the usual clichés and discuss the real issues of life and the relevance of God's love and mercy to them, through the truth revealed in Christ? Further, what could be added if other such questions should follow: "Who am I, anyway?" "For what was I created?" "How may I know my destiny?" These are some of the important questions youth ask themselves as they search for the meaning of life. Could you help them find the answers?

In light of these considerations would it not be well to ask if the church (our church) stands forth with a message powerful enough to speak to those who are searching for a way of life which has purpose and direction? If we find the church wanting, perhaps the fault rests with us and we are the ones being called to restore to it those elements which will challenge our youth to surrender themselves to a life of sacrifice and devotion in obedience to their Lord.

There is no doubt but that the church is being tested today. In that fact rests our opportunity! This is the day in which every church leader is called to study and to witness. May we be sure that such an undertaking includes Bible study, the reading of books on the Christian faith, biographies of those who have searched diligently for the control of Christ in their lives, and constant, continuous dialogue with those with whom we come in contact each day. When the church has in its fellowship a core of individuals who care enough to study, prepare, and witness the youth will find an answer to their questions and will come to a knowledge of Christ which will send them forth to proclaim the power of His reconciling love to a broken and heart-hungry world.

Reports From South America

The church of Peru is growing. In some cases it is a growth from dependence to independence and then to sharing.

The Confederation of Methodist Women of Latin America felt the responsibility for the frontiers of Peru and took upon themselves the support of a missionary to the outlying districts. Maria Glicina Fernandez, a cultured, educated, consecrated woman, answered the call to full-time Christian service. Maria gave up a good business position in Brazil to live in the high altitudes of Peru where life is rugged and cold.

I can't tell you what this missionary endeavor has done for the women of Latin America. Maria is their inspiration. Her support is their privilege and job. Maria, serving the highest Methodist church in the world, is the first woman ordained preacher in the Andes.

Mabel Lorah

FRANCISCA CARIQUEO—CHILE

Long before our Methodist Church had established work with the Araucanian Indians, the Anglican church had schools, churches, and a small hospital. In one of these schools Francisca Cariqueo was educated. She learned nursing by working with a splendid English nurse. Her training was thorough both in nursing and religion.

Francisca lives in our little clinic near Nueva Imperial, Chile. In the morning she holds a short devotional service for the patients who come by oxcart or horseback. Then she assists Dr. Mary Sue Lowry and translates for her. Her own people have confidence in Francisca and this opens many doors which otherwise would be closed.

Certain days are spent visiting our rural primary schools. Health talks are given, and pupils are examined. Vaccination for smallpox and shots for typhoid help prevent epidemics which may be all too frequent.

Mothers' clubs and religious meetings are held in the school buildings at night.

When a patient is too ill to be moved, he is visited in his home. Francisca walks, goes by bicycle, jeep, or horseback. During the continuous cold winter rains, it is difficult to get through even on horseback.

Francisca is not only a nurse, she is also an evangelist. She distributes religious literature at the clinic, is active in all church work, especially the young people's and women's societies. Most effective of all is her radiant Christian life. She is always optimistic and ready to go the second mile.

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Neighboring Projects

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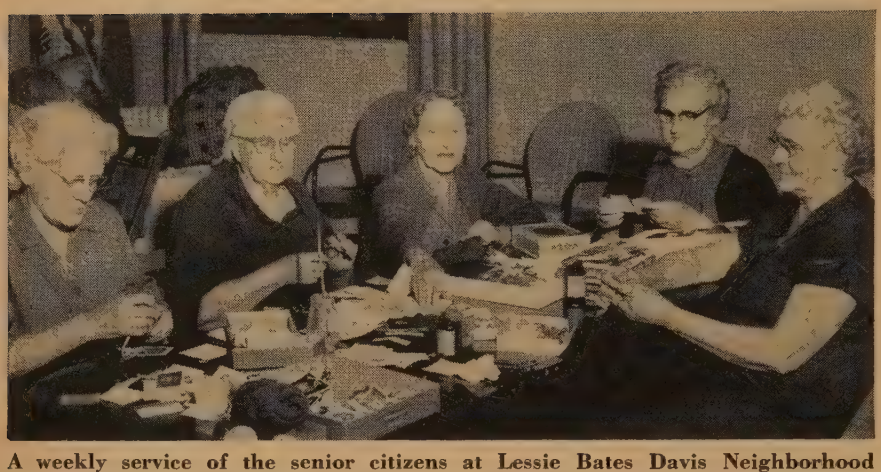

A weekly service of the senior citizens at Lessie Bates Davis Neighborhood House, East St. Louis, Illinois, is the making of tray favors for local hospitals.

LESSIE BATES DAVIS NEIGHBORHOOD HOUSE

Mrs. Marriam C. Roberts,
Director

With bowed heads, closed eyes, and folded hands the three-, four-, and five-year-olds begin the day with a prayer song. They have been deposited at Lessie Bates Davis Neighborhood House in East St. Louis, Illinois, about 6:30 A.M. by mothers who work mostly in the meat-packing industry centered in this area. Then in rapid succession these boys and girls will have periods of active play, midmorning snack, stories, rest, special activities and free play, wash-up time, lunch, naps, and active play again till mothers and fathers pick them up. Sounds active enough to keep these nursery youngsters going on all four's! The day care center is a very important part of the program at Lessie Bates Davis Neighborhood House.

Teen-agers account for a large part of the center's attendance figures. They have many clubs and interest groups, including roller skating, basketball, and drama. In the summer months they go on outings and picnics, and swimming.

The Senior Citizens held their first meeting November 3, 1954. Their present membership numbers over sixty. They engage mostly in service projects, such as making tray cards for hospitals, quilting, arts and crafts. They also take trips, hold birthday parties, and have informal recreation and fun after their luncheons. One member paid this tribute, "What more do people want in life of kindness than to have volunteer drivers come after us and bring us back home?"

Classes and interest groups for children are held after school and in the summer. And family nights are enjoyed by all, particularly the roller skating. An all-round program is offered to meet the needs of the whole community.

KINGDOM HOUSE

Ralph J. Koeppe,
Executive Director

The All American Indian Social Club at Kingdom House in St. Louis, Missouri, includes representatives from fifteen to seventeen different tribes from all parts of the United States. St. Louis has quite a concentration of American Indians as a result of the relocation program being carried on. Kingdom House is the only private agency in the city actively working with them. Here a meeting place is provided where they may discuss their many problems which involve adjustment from reservation to city living in a housing project, finding jobs, and preserving some of their culture and customs. A committee is being formed to plan and carry out various ways of further stretching out a helping hand to these bewildered people.

The section of the city in which Kingdom House is located is a rapidly deteriorating and changing one. A new public housing project is being erected right across the street from the center. When completed it will house 5,000 people, offering a new challenge and a new clientele with whom to work. An interesting feature is that the housing project and therefore the center's program is "tri-racial"—American Indian, Negro, and white.

The nursery school is another important part of the program. As the center is on the way to the business and factory areas, this makes it convenient for mothers to leave their three-, four-, and five-year-olds as early as 7:00 A.M. on their way to work.

Kingdom House serves all ages, all nationalities, all creeds through a varied program which includes arts and crafts, music, recreation, camping. There's something for everyone here!

A part-time staff worker demonstrates beadwork to youngsters at Kingdom House, St. Louis, Missouri. She is a Sac and Fox Indian.

EPWORTH SCHOOL FOR GIRLS

Mrs. Agnes Swedberg,
Acting Superintendent

Every teen-age girl needs preparation for life. Ideally, parents give their daughters the opportunity to grow up in a favorable home environment; an education to the full extent of her abilities; and spiritual guidance; a home where her positive efforts are appreciated; a home where she can learn self-respect and self-reliance; a home where she can learn the real values of life.

Sometimes this is not so. So Epworth School, Webster Groves, Missouri (a suburb of St. Louis), provides a home, an education, and religious training for teen-age unadjusted girls who have been deprived of normal sympathetic home surroundings.

The school, located on a beautiful wooded campus of thirteen acres, dates back to 1909, when two Methodist deaconesses gave emergency care to two teen-age girls placed with them by the Juvenile Court.

Epworth girls learn the "give and take" of family life as they live in cottages with houseparents. The best evidence of the school's effectiveness lies in the number who have left to establish Christian homes—homes far removed in atmosphere from the ones where they began life.

A school on the campus provides education for those who have not finished eighth grade and are emotionally unable to enter public school. The girls have special training in crafts, sewing, laundry, and nature study and they go to Webster Groves High School. A few graduate. All receive vocational training.

A student from Eden Seminary guides Epworth girls in their religious thinking, and each Sunday morning he conducts a worship service. Every evening they have a short worship service with their housemother. Epworth School gives them preparation for life.

• *These three projects are located in and near St. Louis and it is hoped that many women will visit them during the Assembly.*

Recreation is part of the training girls receive at Epworth School. A recreation worker directs games and helps plan parties and field trips to give the girls fun, education, and help build character.

What Are You Doing?

...watching television

by LOIS ANN RANDERSON*

"WHAT will you do today, Johnny?" a mother asks her nine-year-old son who has a holiday from school.

"Watch television!"

This could be a typical answer from today's average child. Experts have found that children spend from twenty to thirty hours a week watching television.

Can there be any doubt, therefore, that TV influences the molding of a child's social and emotional concepts?

In the popular United Feature Syndicate, Inc., cartoon, "Peanuts,"[1] by Charles Schulz, Linus tells Charlie Brown, "I'm self-educated. I don't need teachers! I don't need schools! I don't need books!" Charlie asks, "What is the secret of your success?" Linus answers, "Everything I've learned, I've learned from watching TV!"

The Methodist Church has recognized that television, with its dramatic potentialities, can help a child "learn by seeing." Methodist leaders feel the need for good programs for children is growing—especially programs which speak to them in terms of their experience and understanding.

Since 1953, The Methodist Church and the National Council of Churches have conducted research and study on various approaches to TV programming for youngsters seven to twelve years old. From the results, a format for a series was chosen and an introductory film, *Run Away Home,* was produced by the Television, Radio and Film Commission and the children's departments of the Editorial and Local Church Divisions, General Board of Education, in cooperation with the National Council's Division of Christian Education and Broadcasting and Film Commission.

In the children's series, Methodists hope to deal with responses of normal children to the Christian faith as they face everyday fears, problems, and joys of life.

In a recent study, *Television for Children,* which was developed and written by the Boston University School of Education for the Foundation for Character Education, one reads:

> The impact of television programs upon any particular child is as much a function of what the child is like before he sees the program as it is of the program itself. Any given program may be expected to have different effects upon different children, depending upon what they already know, what they are set to look for, what their strengths and weaknesses are.

With this kind of fundamental precept in mind, a preliminary outline of the scope and content of the series was developed which suggests programs that will help the average child:

a. Realize that everyday fears and anxieties are normal and natural.

b. Distinguish between fears which are grounded in reality and those which are not.

c. Develop a sense of the reality of God and some of the ways in which He reveals Himself.

d. Accept his love and concern for them as His children.

e. Understand the demands of His righteousness.

f. Feel himself a part of a Christian community of persons who feel secure in their relationship to one another and to God.

Run Away Home illustrates one of the situations which children often face—the time when the child feels that no one, not even God, has time to care about him.

His father tells a bewildered Tomm that he can't take him fishing as h promised in the new Methodist film *Run Away Home.*

Tommy Cooper, 8, felt that h was unwanted and unloved whe a baby brother was born. Tomm seemed always to be in the wa and he could never do the righ thing. So, he decided to run awa from home. When he was foun and understood the constant lov of God and of his parents, Tomm decided to return home.

The other programs will help th children answer such questions a How can I feel that God is with m when I am lonely? How can I fe that God cares when I am un happy? Is joy a part of God's pla for me? How do other people he me to learn about God? How do God make Himself known to m How do I know what God want me to do? How does God help m when I must do something hard stand against others? How do God help me to help other peopl

Run Away Home was enthusiastically received by the Committee on Children's Work of the National Council of Churches. It now being shown on selected television stations to test audience reactions as well as to illustrate th format.

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[1] Seen in *Nashville Banner,* January 28, 1958.

A Salute to the Treasurers

by MRS. CHARLES W. MEAD

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They say that money talks and figures do not lie. What do these figures say to you?

Income on Appropriations

- **1941—$3,215,706.49**
- **1957—$8,563,053.20**

AMONG the faithful and efficient officers on each level of the Woman's Society are the treasurers, who play an important and distinctive part in the organization.

Who are these treasurers? What is their responsibility?

In the local Society the treasurer not only receives the money for the many and varied purposes for which it is secured and forwards it properly; keeps neat and absolutely accurate records, which are audited annually; she also serves as chairman of the Committee on Finance and guides that group in its thinking as members plan the financial program each year. Here her influence is most important. In order to interpret the function of the Society and the part each member plays in it, she must be aware of its purpose and its program.

She attends subdistrict, district, and conference meetings if at all possible. She hears the messages from officers, missionaries, deaconesses, and workers—messages which tell of the wondrous opportunities now before us, as Methodist women, to help to bring the message of Christ to our own nation and to some thirty nations around the world.[1] She learns of the rising costs of our work everywhere, which "keep us running as fast as we can to stay where we are."

This treasurer imagines herself traveling with the speaker as she tells of the schools and colleges which we support and is concerned that teachers' salaries are so low and dormitories and classrooms often inadequate and overcrowded. (Increasing population in every land multiplies our problems.) She learns with joy that we have Urban Work in the rapidly growing cities, but in some instances these agencies are understaffed and housed in outmoded buildings. She is challenged by the knowledge of the service rendered by our hospitals; by homes for homeless and for emotionally disturbed children; by trained workers in rural areas who are helping to bring the saving knowledge of Christ to families otherwise not reached. She realizes anew that these ministries are made possible through the money the women in the local Society are inspired to give; that crucial needs are unmet because of lack of funds.

As the needs and opportunities become clear to her, this treasurer is reminded again and again how important is her task—to interpret to Methodist women the imperative necessity of giving their money more generously to meet these crises. This interpretation is part of her stewardship for, as Dr. Robert J. McCracken, of Riverside Church, New York City, says: "Money can be a beautiful thing. . . . It is the extension of our personality." Money speaks and acts *for us* in places where we have never been and probably never will be. When it serves to prevent blindness in a tiny child; gives protection and love to homeless, bewildered children; makes possible an education for a young person who needs but cannot secure it and, in doing these things in the name and for the sake of Jesus Christ, helps to bring His transforming love into their lives—then money is as beautiful as prayer.

It is obvious that the treasurer needs to know and to be deeply concerned about the total program of the Woman's Society and the Guild. Through the pages of THE METHODIST WOMAN, WORLD OUTLOOK, handbooks, and leaflets her information is kept current. She spares herself no effort in keeping abreast with the program in all areas as through it the Woman's Division strives to put life and action into our purpose.

On the district and conference levels these consecrated, efficient women utilize their experience in training the treasurers who report to them. Building a personal friendship with each one, they encourage and help to guide the financial growth on every level.

The task requires deep dedication, intelligent preparation, infinite patience, and painstaking efficiency. It involves countless hours of work done in her home, with no one to applaud and little recognition. Yet it is being done in every local, district, conference, and jurisdiction Society by volunteer women who expect no reward except the satisfaction of a task well done, as evidenced by increased giving, growing out of a deepened sense of stewardship on the part of all the members of the Woman's Society and the Guild.

So . . . a salute to the treasurers! A salute combining our gratitude and our admiration! Coupled with these is our determination to re-examine our own giving to our world-wide program and to bring into better balance the abundance which is ours through the goodness of God and the needs of His children in our land and around the world. Thus would we express our real gratitude, not only to our treasurers, but to our God.

[1] The Woman's Division has work in 32 countries, but we do not receive regular reports from work in China, Bulgaria, and Poland.

MISSIONARY EDUCATION: A CHRISTIAN DUTY

by J. ALLAN RANCK,
Director, Commission on Missionary Education

FOR fifty-five years the denominations in the United States and Canada have cooperated in an effort to create and carry out a thorough program of missionary education. For a hundred and fifty years Protestants in America have been engaged in a missionary endeavor so significant and extensive that it is proper to call this period "the golden years of Christian world outreach and evangelism."

In the thirty-two years following 1792 when William Carey succeeded in forming the Baptist Missionary Society, twelve societies and boards were created in America and Great Britain for the purpose of carrying the gospel overseas. The first of the American societies to devote itself to the spread of Christianity outside the confines of our country was the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions, formed in 1810 at the initiative of a group of students from Andover Theological Seminary. This is the board which served the Congregational Christian Churches. Nine years later, in 1819, your own Methodist mission activities had their beginnings with the formation of the Missionary and Bible Society, endorsed the following year by the General Conference. Boards and societies flowered rapidly in subsequent years and missionaries were sent to all parts of the world.

One of the characteristics of the missionary movement in America has been the initiative played by the student movements in it. In 1886 the first student conference at Mount Herman was held, which two years later grew to be the Student Volunteer Movement for Foreign Missions. With its earnest aim, "the evangelization of the world in this generation," the Student Volunteer Movement drew more and more young people into the mission. Very quickly the churches became aware of the need to develop an effective educational program which would do two things—give guidance and encouragement to the many university students being recruited into the world mission of the church, and stir up spiritual and financial support among the church people of the land so the missionary program could expand.

Missionary Education

The result was a conference at Silver Bay in 1902 where one of the important cooperative Christian enterprises of the American church was born. Dr. Ralph Diffendorfer whom you revere for so many pioneering contributions in the missionary enterpri was one of the noble founders of this movement. T new organization was first known as the You People's Missionary Movement but in 1911 changed its name to the Missionary Educati Movement of the United States and Canada. In lat years this movement joined forces with the Coun of Women for Home Missions and the Central Co mittee on the United Study of Foreign Missions.

The inheritor of this notable history of cooperati is now the Commission on Missionary Education the National Council of Churches. Perhaps it is mo familiarly known among the church people of Ame ica by its publishing imprint, *Friendship Press.* Ea year thousands of books, pamphlets, pictures, ma films and filmstrips are used throughout our countr having been published by this cooperative proce and distributed and used in the many educatio programs of the twenty-nine participating denom nations.

In this history, so rapidly traced, a new term ca into the Christian vocabulary—*missionary educatio* Despite its very recent development, it is nonethele a soundly Christian function and a proper activi of the church.

Max Warren in his Kellogg Lectures at Cambridg Massachusetts, simply and clearly described t Christian imperative with the four divine command go preach, go teach, go heal, go baptize. We ha accepted these commands as our mission and w have gone out in obedience to them in the confiden of the promise of our Lord, "Lo, I am with yo always." Preaching, teaching, baptizing, and servi are appropriate aspects of missionary activity; ed cation seems right at home in the family. On hom or foreign fields, schools, colleges, institutes, a church schools comprise a large segment of the mi sion. In this sense at least mission and educati are brought into intimate association.

Christian Education

Just as missionary education is a comparative new term, so also is the term Christian educatio It is an interesting coincidence that the Sunda school and Christian education thread of our co temporary Protestant tradition is, like the missio ary one, approximately one hundred and fifty yea old. Robert Raikes created the first Sunday scho in 1780 in Gloucester, England, and the Sunda school became a part of the American church li

largely through the missionary work in this country of the first great Methodist missionaries and the other leaders of the American revival. Early in the twentieth century this function of Christian nurture began to be thought of in broader terms than the Sunday school alone. As a result the designation *Christian education* came into prominent use just about the same time *missionary education* was having its beginnings. At first this new function of the church was looked on skeptically and sometimes openly opposed as being the antithesis of evangelism and mission and too pretentious in its goals. By now Christian education has been fully accepted as one facet of the Christian ministry and obligation.

Thus within the past fifty years two functions have come into prominence—Christian education and missionary education. Are they synonymous? Is one subordinate to the other? Are they completely unrelated? Perhaps none of these insinuations is quite exact.

Since Christian education is the nurture of the individual and the congregation in the life of Christ, it cannot be called Christian if it is not missionary. Neither does it occur only in the more obvious Christian education processes, such as the Sunday morning church school or the weekday church school. Individuals are nurtured by worship, service, fellowship, and teaching and it is too artificial to erect an iron curtain between the domains of Christian education, evangelism, missions, and social action. Christian education must cultivate in Christians all Christian graces and responsibilities and within this total function it has a missionary education duty.

But this cannot be said to exhaust or fulfill the church's missionary education obligation. There is a special function which needs to bring the missionary obligation to a sharp focus of understanding and commitment for every Christian. Just as the prism separates the colors which are the component parts of light and makes visible separately and distinctly every color even though it is just as much present in the pure white light, so the functions of missionary education make clear the redemptive, sacrificial red of the Christian spectrum which is the missionary calling.

What Is Missionary Education?

What then is missionary education? On its most elemental level it is education about *missions.* This is the easiest form to see and understand. The missionary program of the churches is a must. That program is made up of many projects—a new hospital in Sarawak, a mission among Spanish-speaking Americans in El Paso, a new outpost in the interior of the Congo. Each of these many projects needs support in missionary personnel, money, and prayers. Support can be expected only from an informed church membership. Hence missionary education. At this level promotion and education are closely allied and both elements are valid and important. But they need one another. Promotion announces and motivates. Education informs and cultivates. And missionary education is made up in some degree of both.

But missionary education is also education about *mission.* Here the distinction is that the promotive interests and the more immediate educational tasks must of necessity deal with specific missionary projects and activities. This is education about *missions.* Education about *mission* must lead people farther into the Christian theology of missions, the transitions occurring in the Christian world mission, the purposes and requirements on us and on the world of our mission under Christ. It is here that church members will be led to adjust their attitudes and support to the dynamic nature of the mission which never stands still but leads us on to new occasions and new duties.

Even beyond this, missionary education must become much more than education *about missions* or *about mission.* It must be education *in mission.* We live in days when the reciprocal nature of the world mission is being made clearer to us by God. It is not enough for our church members to learn how to be informed supporters of missions. They must more and more know how to receive from, learn from, and live in full fellowship with all other Christians around the world who also share the missionary vocation which is synonymous with being a Christian.

A Critical Responsibility

In its function of informing church members about missions and mission, missionary education has an urgent and critical responsibility today. The circumstances under which the mission must be prosecuted today are changing with revolutionary speed and consequence. In world missions these circumstances include the rapid political liberation of millions of people and the enslavement of other millions within the past decade, the intense heat of new nationalisms, the invigoration of ancient non-Christian religions as a part of the aroused nationalisms, and the general stirring of hope among all previously underprivileged people of the world. Within the Christian fellowship itself we must reckon with the maturing of many missions into churches, the increase in the leadership of national Christians and the subordination of missionaries under that national leadership, the rapidly growing autonomy of the churches overseas in determining the use of funds received from mission boards, and the church unions which diminish or even erase the familiar lines of denominational connection. These all work a fundamental change in our understanding of the mission and in our strategy in that mission today.

Some of this change is disconcerting and baffling.

There is some inclination not to speak too openly about these circumstances lest they hinder support for the continuing projects and disillusion persons who do not understand all that is involved. Missionary education must inform all church members of the opportunities and the reversals of the missionary enterprise. To dispense success stories only is only to postpone trouble and ultimately to increase it. Support must grow out of the deepest possible understanding of the mission if it is to be fully constructive under any circumstances.

In the area of national missions the transitions may not seem so vivid and dramatic. Yet they are equally radical. Here we see the vanishing of the old geographical frontiers and the rise of new social frontiers, the rapid growth of sprawling urban centers, the human relations between members of minority and majority groups, the relationship of home missions to the whole work of the church in our nation, and the heightened significance of our national life to our influence in the Christian world mission.

Our education about *missions* and about *mission* is as crucial for our spiritual harvest as planting seed in the ground is crucial to the farmer's harvest. And at least in one other respect this simile is instructive. Having planted the seed and cultivated the soil through our most inspired missionary education, we must confidently trust the living, redeeming Lord to give the increase of fruit.

This further must be said about education *in mission*. Precisely because of the revolutionary circumstances, educating American Christians *in mission* has been lifted to new significance and necessity. For every church member, it is not enough that he give money generously to provide resources for our missionary efforts. It is not adequate that he approves the commissioning of missionaries to represent him in distant or neighboring areas of need. He has not fulfilled his missionary obligation by praying for the success of a board of missions and its far-flung influence and interests at home and abroad. He must himself be a part of the mission. The mission needs from him correct attitudes, sincere faith, moral integrity, witnessing zeal, encompassing and reconciling love. Ultimately what every American Christian is or fails to be has now become a critical pa of the giving, receiving, dynamic, redeeming missio of the church in the world.

Interdenominational Cooperation

Missionary education can afford to be done onl by denominations among their separate constituen cies. I am fully aware of the immeasurable contri butions of your Woman's Society of Christian Serv ice, THE METHODIST WOMAN, WORLD OUTLOOK, you integrated church-school curriculum, and all th efforts of your Joint Section of Education and Culti vation. However, each of these has recognized th importance of an interdenominational effort in mis sionary education. They have faithfully supporte the Commission on Missionary Education and the have used its educational tools produced throug Friendship Press. Friendship Press is in reality you instrument, as it is the instrument of twenty-eigh other denominations and sixty-six of their board of missions and education. All publications bearin the imprint of Friendship Press are Methodist a they are Lutheran or Baptist. Your representative sit on the board and committees of this cooperativ agency. You give it financial support. You use it resources in large numbers as your own educationa tools.

This cooperative missionary education is obliga tory in these times. It is a symbol of the growin awareness of our oneness in Christ; it is an instru ment of the unity of our mission; it is a meetin ground of the missionary hopes and convictions o all Protestant Christians; it is our united postur of obedience before God to learn from Him acros our denominational divisions His will for His recon ciling ministry through the churches of Jesus Chris in the whole world. It should reach the largest pos sible number of our church members so as to unit them with one mind and heart in the mission of ou Lord.

Missionary education—cooperative and denomi national—must be extended and perfected. Its goa under the guidance of God's Holy Spirit, must b to nurture every Christian to become an ambassado for Christ, God reconciling the world to Himsel through every Christian and all Christians.

OUR PROGRAM OF MISSIONARY EDUCATION

by ELIZABETH STINSON

This talk was given at the Annual Meeting of the Board of Missions.

IMPORTANT things happened at the St. Louis Assembly of the National Council of Churches last December. Among these was a change in the status and name of the cooperative missionary education agency long known to many as the Missionary Education Movement and, since the organization of the National Council, as the Joint Com mission on Missionary Education.

But the spirit of unity and cooperation has no been changed, nor has its responsibility and privileg of producing each year texts, guides, and supple mentary materials for the missionary education o

children, youth, and adults. What a difference such an agency makes in the quality of literature provided. Methodists, Baptists, Presbyterians, Episcopalians, Lutherans, Evangelical Reformeds, and other denominations pool their best thought and technique. And how much more natural it becomes to unite in proclaiming the gospel and forwarding the entire missionary enterprise when there has been the common heritage educationally!

If we and the other denominations can create a climate in our local churches for church-wide, serious, prayerful study of these interdenominational materials, and those produced by our respective churches, such a concern for sharing the Christian message and way of life may be engendered as will change the direction and tempo of our world.

Not only does the Joint Section of Education and Cultivation cooperate with other denominations in the task assigned; it also works closely with other boards and agencies in its own ranks.

The Methodist Church, in order to assure the most effective missionary education possible, created the Interboard Committee on Missionary Education—a body made up of equal numbers of representatives of the Board of Missions and the Board of Education—and gave it responsibility for developing and projecting a comprehensive, integrated program of Missionary Education.

You are perhaps aware that with seven million members enrolled in the church school, this organ is the church's greatest potential for missionary education, but did you know that the church school through patterns worked out by the Interboard Committee on Missionary Education provides education about Christian missions for children, youth, and adults in nearly all of the 40,000 churches of Methodism? In the regular lesson materials of the church, there were in 1957 twenty-seven units of mission study, exclusive of three elective units for adults, namely: *The Church in Southeast Asia, Mission: U.S.A.*, and *High Hours of Methodism.* Members of the Interboard Committee on Missionary Education have consistently worked for the inclusion of these units. Nineteen different pieces of guidance material were provided for them.

• Did you know that in 1957 more than 400 persons were certified to teach mission studies in leadership training agencies, that 21,439 women were trained in jurisdiction and conference Schools of Missions and Christian Service to teach or promote the studies of the Committee on Missionary Education and the Woman's Division; that of this number, 17,428 received Board of Education credit for the satisfactory completion of second-series courses; and that in the Southeastern Jurisdiction alone 229,828 women were enrolled in mission classes in local Societies and churches?

• Did you know that in the Northeastern Jurisdiction 49,723 persons attended Schools of Missions in local churches planned by the Commission on Missions?

• Did you know that teams go out annually from the General Section of the Joint Section of Education and Cultivation for missionary visitation to all the theological seminaries of Methodism and that the Section helps plan and participates in five large interdenominational missionary conferences each summer and two regional Methodist conferences?

• Did you know that more than 45,000 copies of *High Hours of Methodism* were sold in 1957 and that so many mission study texts published by Friendship Press of the Committee on Missionary Education and by the Woman's Division for children, youth, and adults were sold that it would be an imposition on your memories to enumerate them?

During 1956-1957, Literature Headquarters sold a total of 250,600 study books:

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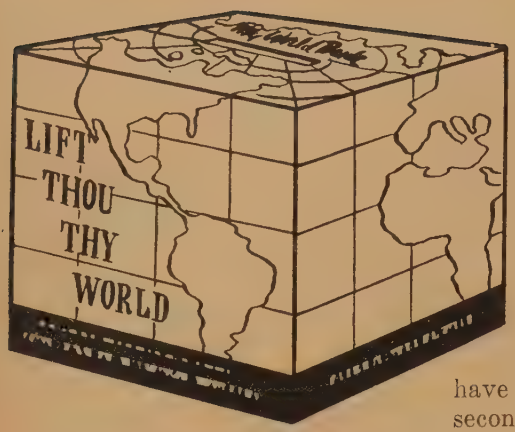

My World Bank

A Skit for World Bank Opening Program

by

FRANCES B. PETERSON

Setting: Four women are chatting in the church parlor before the meeting at which the World Banks will be opened.

RUTH: You know when we were given these World Banks I wasn't very enthusiastic about them. It just seemed another way to get more money. But when I read the yellow sheet and realized that we are supporting more than a thousand projects: educational, medical, social, evangelistic—meeting every area of human need, I really was impressed.

MARY: It is thrilling to belong to a woman's organization with an eight-million-dollar budget devoted to helping people have life more abundant.

RUTH: In thirty-two countries around the world!

ESTHER: Yes, it says here (*holding up the yellow sheet*) the sun literally never sets on the work of the Woman's Division.

RUTH: That suggestion that one could support the total world-wide program for one second for thirty-two cents and one minute for $19.20 stirred my imagination. How long could I afford to support the total program by my World Bank offering? Well, I decided that some way I'd manage to make it one-half minute, $9.60. By going without some things I really didn't need, I made it. (*Expressed with joy of achievement.*)

MARY: You know I'm a pensioner and with all the calls for money I have to count my pennies; but I have been able to save ninety-six cents so that even I can have the joy of paying for three seconds. Let's count three seconds—one thousand one, one thousand two, one thousand three. There, my gift today supports the total program that long. My part is little, but multiply my small gift by 1,800,000 members and think what together we can do! I'm proud to have even a small part in such a great Society.

ESTHER: Your gift, Mary, is definitely a sacrificial gift. If all members of the Woman's Society of Christian Service gave as devotedly as you do, we could do far more than we do now. I didn't take a Bank because I handle my Christian giving on a budget basis.

I first began earning money in the year of the Methodist Centennial—1919, I think it was. A part of that program was to enroll a million tithers to be known as The Methodist Million. I was very happy to become one. Ever since then I have put aside my tenth, but then my stewardship is not over; for I must decide the wisest distribution of that money—so much for the church budget, for the Woman's Society of Christian Service pledge, relief work, et cetera. Instead of using a World Bank I prefer to make a larger pledge.

My pledge this year will pay for more than two minutes. But I decided I wanted to make an extra offering today anyway, and my five dollars will add another quarter of a minute to my two minutes. I really believe in this work!

MARTHA (*who has just been a passive listener*): You know, I've just been listening to you women talk. Evidently you have given some thought to this and I admir you. I'm not a planner and I didn take time to read that yellow shee I just took the Bank and when thought of it, I put in a few pen nies or nickels. I haven't any ide how much is in it. Let's open and see. (*Opens Bank and count out sixty-four cents.*) Sixty-fou cents! Let's see; that's just tw seconds' worth! And my pledge nothing to be proud of after hear ing how you people feel. And can't give any more today becaus I've spent all my money except on dollar and I've got to buy some ga to get home.

I saw some costume jewelry in store window as I was coming here I took a fancy to it—and so bought it. Yesterday I bought hat I didn't need at all. That's th way I do. I guess I'd better lear to plan the use of my money a you women do. That's what m husband's been trying to tell m I need to learn—what's that wor you used, Esther?—stewardshi that's it. You know I like tha word! How much I'd rather sup port this wonderful work tha spend my money on impulse! I'm going to begin to think in terms o real values.

ESTHER: You'll find it very re warding.

RUTH: It's time to go to th meeting. I wonder how much ou total will be. If there are fift women and we average even tw dollars each, we'll have more tha five minutes' worth. Just think o our Society supporting this whol world-wide program for five whol minutes from just our World Ban offering!

CIRCLES *Worship and Program Suggestions*

FROM THE ANNUAL MEETING TO LOCAL SOCIETY

by MRS. ROBERT K. GORDON

Mrs. Gordon is a member of the Woman's Division of Christian Service. She based this program on the Reports of the Standing Committees, pages 201-210 of the *Eighteenth Annual Report*. The Annual Report may be secured from Literature Headquarters, 7820 Reading Road, Cincinnati 37, Ohio. Price, 75 cents. Circle programs are not dated. This one may be scheduled for any month.

HYMN: "Jesus, United by Thy Grace," No. 419, *The Methodist Hymnal.*

MEDITATION: As a Group We Work.

LEADER: Most of us belong to one or more groups and take pride in membership participation. This pride is false unless we as individuals are able to contribute to the achievements of the whole. Our talents range from followers to leaders. Included among these may be writers, financiers, business executives, teachers, evangelists, housewives, and office workers. God has given to each one some talent; this talent will accomplish more combined with the abilities of the group than can ever be accomplished alone.

Through the Woman's Society of Christian Service 1,805,599 women, by utilizing many and varied talents, are making great contributions to different areas of the world. God purposes that as each has received a gift, he employ it for another.

UNISON PRAYER:

For our talents—we thank Thee, Lord.
For our opportunities to use them —we thank Thee, Lord.
For our group accomplishments— we thank Thee, Lord.
Amen.

SETTING AND PROPERTIES: *At one end of room the Leader and person representing Mrs. Nall are seated at a table; others are seated in a semicircle on each side.*

LEADER: A visitor at the Annual Meeting of the Woman's Division is awed with the magnitude of the work and amazed at its efficient completion. Much of the work is done in the standing committees. I was permitted to "sit in" on those that were in session while there. They seemed to be such an integral part of our work that I determined to let you know about them; as a result we have as visitors with us today many of the chairmen of this very important part of our organization. Mrs. T. Otto Nall of Evanston, Illinois, is the vice-president of the Woman's Division, thereby having many other responsibilities, one being coordinator of the meetings of these ten committees that we shall study. Mrs. Nall, will you please serve as moderator?

MRS. NALL: I am pleased to have the opportunity. First, if you have a copy of the *Eighteenth Annual Report* turn to pages 10 and 11. On these pages are the membership of the committees for the quadrennium. Members are chosen because of experience, talents, or special interests.

MEMBER (*speaks from semicircle*): Would you illustrate just what you mean by that?

MRS. NALL: Yes. I shall select as an illustration one person from each committee and she will be typical of all the others. Beginning with Library Service, we find as a member Miss Muriel Day whose long experience in Educational Institutions is invaluable in knowing the type of reading material most needed. Mrs. E. J. Badgett is on Literature and Publications because of her work in the office of the *Central Christian Advocate.* Mrs. J. Fount Tillman, our president, is a member of Missionary Personnel and her service in China gives her a keen insight to personnel qualifications and needs. Mrs. Charles Mead is a helpful member of the committee, for she is chairman of the Finance and Estimates Committee. Among the coopted members on Permanent Funds and Investments is Mrs. Harry James, a niece of the Henry Pfeiffer family; she is an astute investor of private and organizational funds. On the Spiritual Life Committee is the chairman of Spiritual Life of the Wesleyan Service Guild; through her contributions are made which strengthen the program and prayer life of the employed women. Mrs. L. F. Hemenway was Secretary of Promotion of the Northeastern Jurisdiction and gained valuable information which she now uses in the Committee on Status of Women. The Secretary of the Wesleyan Service Guild is a member of the Wesleyan Service Guild Committee. She is the liaison between the Guilders and the Division. Mrs. William T. Anderson, because of former responsibilities, has a deep interest in Supply Work. On World Federation of Methodist Women is Mrs. Wallace N. Streeter whose residence in Washington, D. C., is one of her many qualifications for membership.

MEMBER: This certainly increases my appreciation of the standing committees. I always thought that names were, so to speak, just pulled out of hats so that everyone would be on a committee and get a nice trip.

MRS. NALL: Never think that again. These women work long hours, often meeting during meals and even at midnight in their hotel rooms. I shall introduce the visitors who will interpret briefly their phase of the work. Mrs. James P. Howell of San Francisco, California, will tell about the Com-

mittee on Literature and Publications of which she is chairman.

MRS. HOWELL: My report is on page 204 of the Annual Report. (*Reads first two sentences.*) You see that the local Society is definitely linked to this committee. Some of the other duties of the committee are to review needed pieces of free literature to recommend content, titles, and writers for programs, and to sift all requests for printed materials.

MRS. NALL: Mrs. Paul G. Masters of Cornwall, Pennsylvania, is chairman of the Committee on Pensions. She has asked Mrs. Mead to represent her, and since Mrs. Mead is also on Permanent Funds and Investments, I shall ask her to speak for both.

MRS. MEAD: On page 209 is the report of the Pension Committee, but I want to add a statement made at the Annual Meeting. As of December 31, 1957, we had a total of 616 on the pension role: 287 foreign missionaries, 291 deaconesses, and 38 home missionaries and special workers. A total of $524,399.14 was paid in pensions during the fiscal year. The report of the Committee on Permanent Funds and Investments is on page 202. These are the monies that have been received and accepted by special agreement: Restricted Funds, such as Pensions and Annuities, and Designated Temporary Funds. We secure the best possible counsel and advice in their investment.

MRS. NALL: Also on page 202 is my report as chairman of the World Federation of Methodist Women, but since the program next month will be on the federation we'll go on to the next item. Mrs. W. H. McCallum of Detroit, Michigan, is chairman of Library Service and will interpret its work.

MRS. MCCALLUM: Through this committee books and magazines are made available to all projects in the Home Fields and to every household on the Foreign Fields free of cost to our workers. (*Add other information from page 205.*)

MRS. NALL: Mrs. William T. Anderson of Auburn, New York, chairman of Missionary Personnel, has been asked to include statements on Supply Work. The chairman of the latter committee, Mrs. B. R. Lewis of Arcadia, California, could not be present; she is in the midst of checking the annual reports, and what a task she has getting the figures on the reports sent her from the jurisdictions to balance with the money that is sent to the treasurer. She is another example of an untiring volunteer. Mrs. Anderson.

MRS. ANDERSON: My committee is charged with the responsibility of creating means by which young people will continue to become aware of the needs and the opportunities in full-time Christian service. (*Lift up statements from the report, page 201.*) Three pages, 206-208, are devoted to the report of Supply Work which is the "second mile giving." (*State the amount given by your conference.*)

MRS. NALL: Mrs. J. Russell Henderson of Little Rock, Arkansas, is the chairman of the Committee on Status of Women; she likewise is reviewing jurisdiction reports and regrets her inability to be here today. A study is being made of this line of work. (*See the letter, page 43 of this issue of* THE METHODIST WOMAN.) Someone recently asked me, "Why have a standing Committee on the Wesleyan Service Guild?" Mrs. Harold M. Baker, Toledo, Ohio, is chairman of this committee and I shall ask her to give the answer.

MRS. BAKER: I would explain that to the Division the committee is the same as the coordinator is to the local Woman's Society. (*Add statements from report, page 210.*)

MRS. NALL: And now we present the last of our chairmen, Mrs. E. U. Robinson of Gallatin, Tennessee, who will speak of the importance of the Committee on Spiritual Life.

MRS. ROBINSON: There is not[h]ing that I can say that will gi[ve] a better picture of this committ[ee] than to repeat statements from m[y] report. (*Review report on pa[ge] 204.*)

MRS. NALL: We trust that o[ur] visit has helped you to have a[n] appreciation for your standi[ng] committees. These committees a[re] composed of groups of women wh[o] are pooling their talents and pr[e]senting to the Division a blueprin[t] to be developed for the benefit [of] all.

LEADER: In the future we sha[ll] always study our Annual Repor[t]. Yes, your being here today ha[s] certainly given us a new apprecia[-]tion of the women who represent u[s] on these important committees. T[o] you and to all who have contrib[-]uted to the preparation of the An[-]nual Report, we think of you as di[-]the author of our closing hym[n] think of those who wrote the Boo[k] of Books.

HYMN: "Book of Books, Ou[r] People's Strength," No. 390, *Th[e] Methodist Hymnal.* (*If tune is no[t] familiar, read in unison.*)

CLOSING PRAYER by circle chai[r]man.

QUIZ

(Based on articles in this issue o[f] THE METHODIST WOMAN.)

1. What's my line? Edna Flo[y] Brown, Margery Jane Miller, Rut[h] Ferguson, and Charlotte Taylor.

2. What happened on—
A Sunday in December
April 26, 1958
December 27, 1957

3. ". . . extension of our perso[n]ality." Explain.

4. Name and locate three neighbo[r]ing projects.

5. State the two emphases of th[e] Wesleyan Service Guild for this yea[r]

6. Explain the offering for Meth[o]dist Student Day.

7. Name two magazines recom[-]mended for Secretaries of Children[']s Work.

8. Leaflets for what officers?
Activities for 1958-1959
Report It This Way
Study and Action for 1958-195[9]

9 What are the 1958-1959 missio[n]ary themes?

10. Explain: *Concerns Unlimited[,] Methodist Service Projects, Run Awa[y] Home.*

by JANE CARROLL STENTZ

I Heard Him Call . . .

"I heard Him call,
'Come, follow'—that was all.
My gold grew dim,
My heart went after Him.
I rose and followed—that was all.
Who would not follow,
If he heard Him call?"

AMONG those being commissioned in 1958 to serve under the Woman's Division of Christian Service are the young women pictured here who were presented at the Annual Meeting held at Buck Hill Falls in January. Some are entering service for the first time, some seek the commissioned relationship after a special term of service, and others after a professional relationship with the church as a director of Christian education, a social worker, and a college professor.

As I heard these young women presented and listened as they shared their call and commitment, I thought of the many letters of inquiry that pour across my desk from students, pastors, student workers, and directors of Christian education asking the questions: What are the qualifications and requirements of missionary service? What professions are most needed? How does one become a missionary or a deaconess?

Those of us concerned with cultivation and recruitment of missionary personnel are constantly studying and re-evaluating the demands of missionary service in a world in revolution and are becoming more aware of the quality of person needed if the church is to witness effectively on the strategic frontiers of today's world. The answer is not simple.

One of the first essentials is a vital growing Christian faith and experience of God in Christ and the ability to communicate that faith through a chosen vocation. Good health is essential and an emotional stability that can see a person through trying circumstances. One must be stable, yet flexible if the situation demands it. The best educational preparation our schools, churches, and Christian homes can give is another essential if we are to be workmen that need not be ashamed, rightly handling the word of truth.

Carrying a whole gospel to the whole man in the whole world calls for a broad range of skills—social workers, doctors, nurses, ministers, teachers, home economists, agriculturists, persons trained in Christian education, and others make up the great task force demonstrating God's reconciling love through creative life and service.

These young women personified these qualifications and requirements with varying background, experience, and training, yet one in their call and commitment. Let me share excerpts of some of their messages with you. I was impressed anew with the many ways in which persons are challenged and called into missionary service. Running through each message is a sense of humility in having been chosen, yet a real sense of God's sufficiency and a reliance upon His power.

Dorothy Hubbard, Jackson, Mississippi, returning to Korea as a rural evangelistic worker, said:

> Three years ago I went to Korea as a missionary. But now, after three years of service in that country, I have a confession to make: I don't know how much of a missionary I was to the Korean people, but this one thing I do know—the Korean Christians were missionaries to me! Truly my Christian faith was deepened as I saw the dedicated lives of many Korean Christians who had lost *so much* during the war; yet they had *not* lost their faith in God! Yes, the Christians of Korea were missionaries to me!
>
> So perhaps you ask: "Then why are you planning to return to Korea, if you say the Korean Christians were missionaries to *you?*" But, you see, only five per cent of the people of Korea are Christians! Indeed, it was *a real blessing from God* to know these

Korean Christians; and yet it was *a real challenge from God* to know that ninety-five per cent of the Koreans are still without the Living Christ.

One day a student came to my desk after class and made a sincere request. She said, "Teacher —I can't express my heart in English very well, but would you please . . . introduce me . . . to God?" And I think this young student speaks for all the ninety-five per cent of the people of Korea who are so eagerly seeking to be "introduced to God." To introduce these searching hearts to God is our Christian mission!

Let me thank each of you very sincerely for your dedicated work, and for the privilege of working with you as together we seek to "know Christ and make Him known."

Edna Floy Brown, Fort Meade, Florida, is going to Borneo as a nurse. She said: *I feel that I owe a great deal to the Woman's Society of Christian Service for it has influenced my life from infancy to this very moment. About four years ago one of the meditations for the Quiet Day during the Week of Prayer was entitled "Called, Chosen, Faithful," and the accompanying verse of Scripture was "You have not chosen me, but I have chosen you. . . ." It was my privilege to present the meditation to the Woman's Society and Wesleyan Service Guilds of the city in which I was living, Oak Ridge, Tennesssee. It caused me to look more deeply into my life—for I had already felt God's call to full-time Christian service, but I wasn't sure how I was to serve Him. When God saw fit to call again to mission service, I realized that God had chosen me, and I felt very humble.*

I quake with fear when I think of going to the mission field and relying on my own abilities, but I know that as I am faithful to His calling and place my faith in Him, He will supply the strength and courage needed to carry out the work He wants me to do. All that will be accomplished will be to His honor and glory.

Missionary and deaconess candidates introduced at the Annual Meeting, Buck Hill Falls, Pennsylvania, last January, are shown here with the Secretaries of Missionary Personnel. Standing (left to right) are Miss Marguerite Twinem, Greta Wiseman, Kathleen Crane, Earline Ledbetter, Edna Floy Brown, Ellen Atkinson, Dorothy Hubbard, Charlotte Taylor, Margaret Weedon, Marion Unkenholz, Jean Marie Powell, Sue Dunham, Jane Miller, Joanne Dutro, Sara Hamilton, Miss Jane Stentz. Seated: Mary Louise Whitlock, Ruth Ferguson, Miss Alpharetta Leeper, Clarice Elliott, and Margaret Wade Campbell.

Margery Jane Miller, Quincy, Illinois, is returning to Latin America as a social worker:

Three years on the field isn't very long, but for me it was long enough to make me want to go back, because I became more conscious than ever before of the tremendous need and of my responsibility to do something about it. I know perfectly well that there are many people more qualified than I am to do the work, but perhaps they will not answer the call. And I am convinced that if we place ourselves in God's hands, He can use whatever we have to offer Him for His work.

Marion Unkenhalz, R.N., Mandan, North Dakota, is going to Kapanga, Belgian Congo: *It was as a child nine years of age that I experienced a personal relationship with Christ, and it was after my freshman year in high school that I felt God's call to Africa.*

Perhaps because of these early experiences in my own life, I have in the past few years, felt an increasing concern for the young people in our communities. I would like to have each of you return to your churches with a sense of urgency to present the challenge of Christ to your children and teenagers. These childhood experiences can be real and lasting. They were for me.

Jean Marie Powell, Lyons, Kansas, is going to Korea as a youth and student worker:

I have come to the conclusion that missionaries never retire. Mary Kesler, with a record of thirty-seven years in China, is now our conference Secretary of Missionary Personnel. God chose her to call me to His service. Through her words and her life filled with radiance, joy, and commitment He confronted me with the idea of missionary service.

Greta Wiseman, R.N., Frederic, Wisconsin, is going to Pakistan as a public health nurse: *To the women of the church we all owe a great debt. They helped to bring the turning point in my own life through a summer youth camp.*

Now that I have come to a commitment to Christ and as I prepare for this work I have a real sense of gratitude to the women who make it possible. I realize that this is not my work alone but yours as well. And so, in this great fellowship, we serve the Lord together.

Charlotte Taylor, Dallas, Texas, is going to the Congo for secretarial work:

> After asking for the opportunity to serve under The Methodist Church as a missionary, I found it a rather frightening thing to receive the letter of acceptance from the Board of Missions. Who am I to think that I will be able to assume the responsibilities and to do the work that is required of a missionary? I have seen the great amount of work they do in many places.
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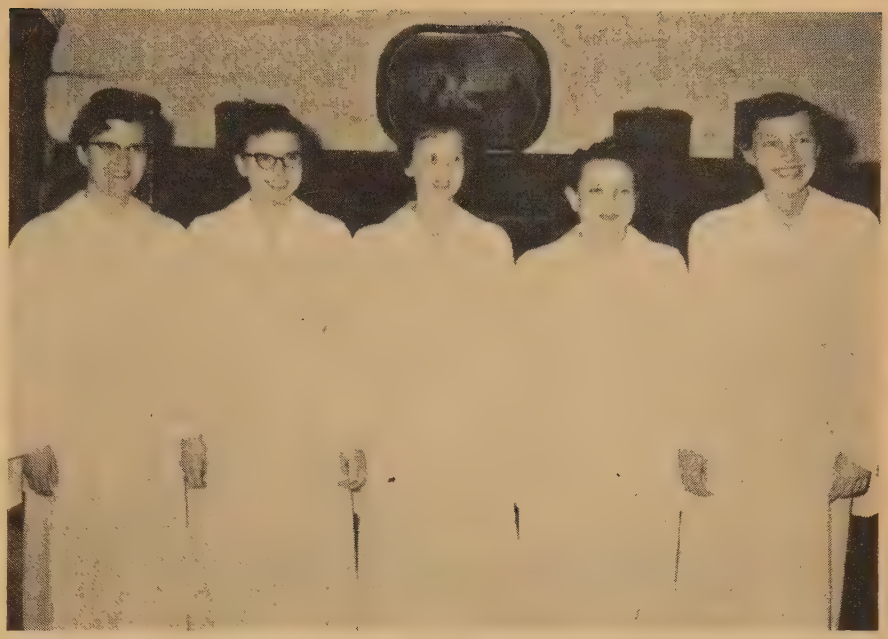
> Yet the challenge of many thousands who look to The Methodist Church for their only opportunity for the freedom and life that Christianity alone can give comes to me again and again. I am a part of The Methodist Church and thus it is my responsibility too. We sit under the judgment of God should we fail to give people every opportunity to know, understand, and live this gospel of Christ.

Earline Ledbetter, Screven, Georgia, will serve in a girl's home and do social work in North Africa: *"Ponder anew what the Almighty can do." As we sang this line of the old familiar hymn, this thought stood out afresh; for a number of years ago God gave me a life verse from Jeremiah 33:3 which reads, "Call unto me and I will answer thee and show thee great and mighty things which thou knowest not." How wonderful to know this is true! All things are possible through Him and "all things* do *work together for good to those who love God and are called according to His purpose."*



Missionary and deaconesses commissioned at Buck Hill Falls, January 17, 1958, are (left to right) Greta Ann Wiseman, Frederic, Wisconsin, public health nurse, Pakistan; Ruth Ferguson, Buffalo, South Carolina, director of Christian education, Newport News, Virginia; Mary Louise Whitlock, West Columbia, South Carolina, Vashti School, Thomasville, Georgia; Mary Bethea, Wilmington, North Carolina, Pfeiffer College, Misenheimer, North Carolina; Clarice Elliott, Tampa, Florida, Houchen Settlement, El Paso, Texas.

Someone has said that a missionary is not just a person going out to the field; but a missionary is one who goes with the backing of the people. As I go out you, too, will go in a sense, for your prayers and support go with me. I would like to express my deep appreciation to you for making my going possible.

Clarice Elliott from Tampa, Florida, has been serving at Houchen Settlement in El Paso, Texas. On the staff at Houchen are several deaconesses and as Clarice worked with these commissioned workers she came to a growing realization that:

> I am going to commit my life to service and I want to become a deaconess and really feel a sense of belonging. The commissioning is a formal commitment and dedication of myself to God and to a life of service in this work.

Ruth Ferguson, Buffalo, South Carolina, has been serving as a Director of Christian Education in Newport News, Virginia: *It was about this time four years ago, after four years of secretarial work, that I decided to go into a full-time church-related vocation. I wrote to Miss Alpharetta Leeper and inquired about the steps I should take. My first step was to complete my educational requirements, and I entered Scarritt College. After filling out my application papers, getting my physical, and meeting the personnel committee, I went to work as a director of Christian education. Now, after a year and a half of experience in this work I come to the time of commissioning.*

Margaret Ann Weedon, Jamesburg, New Jersey, will work in a girls' home and as a social worker in Liberia:

> God's love and salvation is for all people. As I go this summer and as you support me and the many other missionaries by your prayers, finances, and concern,

we are sharing in our responsibility for spreading the gospel of love and salvation.

Each of us has an urgent responsibility to demonstrate God's love *wherever* we are. None of us can escape the great commission to "Go into all the world." All cannot go in person, but all can go through prayers, through financial support, through concern, and through the lives of others whom the Church sends.

These young women are representatives of the many who have gone before them and of those yet to join the force of the Church at work around the world. Others are still needed. Who will challenge them? Who will confront them with the call of Christ on their lives?

You in the local church are in a strategic position to challenge and confront the youth in your homes and church and community. Be informed! Know the qualifications and educational requirements. Find out about specific needs and job openings. Help make it possible for young people to participate in conferences, work camps, and summer projects. Encourage interested persons to write directly to the Office of Missionary Personnel, 150 Fifth Avenue, New York 11, New York, for further information.

Will someone go from your home or church because *you* have enough interest and concern to be informed? Could *your* life be a challenge to someone?

AT THE ANNUAL MEETING

Mrs. John M. Pearson, chairman of the Department of Work in Foreign Fields, and the staff, pose with the group of missionaries from many lands who attended the Annual Meeting at Buck Hill Falls, Pennsylvania.

Front row from left are Mary Helen Games, Peru; Frances Fulton, Korea; Adeline Gonnet, Argentina; Caroline Peckham, Japan; Elizabeth Howell, Japan; Joyce Hill, Cuba; Rebecca Giles, Japan; and Ellen Atkinson, Sarawak. Second row from left are Mrs. John Pearson, Chairman of the Department of Work in Foreign Fields; Eunice Hutabarat, Crusade Scholar; Kate Cooper, Korea; Dr. Margaret Tucker, India; Marie Hill, West Africa; Josephine Kriz, India; Louise Campbell, India; Irma Highbaugh, Southeast Asia; Gusta Robinett, Indonesia; Jane Crooks, Africa; Lorena Kelly, Africa; and Hannah Gallagher, India. Back row from left are Clara French, executive secretary for Southeast Asia and China; Ruth Lawrence, executive secretary for Africa and Europe; Lucile Colony, executive secretary for India, Pakistan, and Nepal; Hazel Best, assistant treasurer for the Department of Work in Foreign Fields; Marion Webster, assistant secretary, Department of Work in Foreign Fields; Margaret Billingsley, executive secretary for Japan and Korea; Semeramis Kutz, Chile; Constance Blackstock, Pakistan; Hilda Dail, associate secretary, Department of Work in Foreign Fields; Alpha Miller, Angola, Africa; Mabel Michel, Mozambique, Africa; Marguerite Twinem, secretary of missionary personnel; Mabel Lorah, Peru; Myrtle Smith, Hong Kong; Ellen Suffern, Malaya.

"GETTING TO KNOW YOU"

Some of these missionaries will attend the Fifth Assembly of the Woman's Society of Christian Service in St. Louis, Missouri, May 6-9. But whether or not you meet them in person you may become acquainted with them through the pages of THE METHODIST WOMAN. For instance, Miss Josephine Kriz, missionary to India, wrote the article "Blessing Boxes" which appeared in the April issue. On page six of this issue you will find the meditation which Miss Mabel Michel, missionary to Mozambique, Africa, gave at the Annual Meeting. Excerpts from talks by Miss Mabel Lorah, who has returned to Lima High School, Lima, Peru, and Miss Semeramis Kutz, missionary at El Vergel, Chile, appear on page thirteen of this issue. Every issue of THE METHODIST WOMAN contains articles and firsthand stories of the work written by missionaries and deaconesses. The July-August issue is a *must* for that will carry the *Assembly Bulletin* with excerpts of the speeches and pictures.

R. Rickarby

MRS. J. FOUNT TILLMAN
President, Woman's Division of Christian Service

A Letter to the President

Dear President:

If we were sitting together at a round table, what are some of the things that would be featured in a discussion among members of this group holding key places of responsibility in The Methodist Church? Looking toward the coming year, we would think first of the Quadrennial Assembly in St. Louis this month. It can be a source of inspiration for all of us and its influence should be felt throughout the church. As you know, our theme is "Christ's Message for Today." That can be applied in every Society and Guild as you think in terms of His message for you in your homes, your church, and your community.

Four years ago we checked ourselves by "The Way," for the theme of the Assembly was "Jesus Christ—The Way." That was before sputniks and guided missiles and space travel were featured in the headlines. There has been increasing emphasis on issues of race, of housing, and of juvenile delinquency. Many changes have occurred in our rapidly shrinking, revolutionary world. One of the most significant is that of woman's place in the economic order. Another is the responsibility on the family as a unit of society. But Christ is still The Way, and so in our confusion and uncertainty we turn to Him for His message—for today. There is one thing of which we can be sure. It will be a message for all peoples everywhere and we must listen together. This sense of togetherness, of understanding, of belonging, must be in the heart of each Christian who would be His follower.

We are now coming to the halfway mark of the quadrennium. Have you checked progress in your Society or Guild, in terms of the quadrennial goals? Do you remember an article in THE METHODIST WOMAN for October, 1957, which featured the review of those goals as faced by a local member? Is there any evidence of a growing spiritual awareness, a new vitality in the total church program because of a greater loyalty expressed in more dedicated service by the women? This year the key words in the local church's quadrennial emphasis are "consecration" and "expansion." Let us keep them in mind in our own planning.

The offering at the Assembly is directed to training schools for Christian workers. We need the schools. This educational emphasis is most important. However, we need the youth to train and the world needs the dedicated services of Christian leaders. What if every church found at least one person to be dedicated to a full-time Christian vocation? Since we are short of workers, it is all the more urgent for us to help train Crusade Scholars. Has your supplementary gift of money been sent to the conference treasurer, marked "For the Crusade Scholarships Fund"?

Be sure you have at hand for your resource material *A Guide,* THE METHODIST WOMAN, and the *Eighteenth Annual Report.* Feature articles and pictures in the WORLD OUTLOOK will be most helpful for reference and enrichment of talks or programs. Read all the Officer's Letters in this issue of THE METHODIST WOMAN and you will have a survey of the work of the Society that will give you a broad understanding of the organization. *You* will not carry out all these activities yourself, but you will know better how to help others work together in planning a well-rounded program.

We are all local church women, no matter what office titles we bear. As a mother says to her daughter, "Your mother is on trial wherever you go," so in the church or the community the entire organization of Woman's Societies and Guilds is on trial in terms of the local group. Even if there is no organization, that in itself is a reflection which calls for explanation.

May you seek wisdom; may you cultivate understanding; may you study to show yourself approved; may you have courage to stand for the right; may you thus prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.

With gratitude for the sustaining influence of fellowship and prayer,

Yours sincerely,

Sadie Wilson Tillman

Mrs. J. Fount Tillman

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MRS. T. OTTO NALL
Vice-President, Woman's Division of Christian Service

Vice-President

Greetings to every Vice-President:

The vice-president has heavy responsibilities as chairman of the Committee on Program in seeing that all phases of the work of the Woman's Society of Christian Service are presented during the year. To help you prepare for your work you should have the *Handbook for the Vice-president, The World Federation of Methodist Women Handbook*, and its guide, *Women Around the World.* In addition you should have the *Program Book*, and *Worship Booklet*, "Christ for the World We Sing." Also to be informed you should read the study books, THE METHODIST WOMAN, WORLD OUTLOOK, and other literature of the Woman's Division of Christian Service. Do take advantage of every opportunity for training and for meeting representatives of other units of the World Federation of Methodist Women who live in your community or are in this country for study.

Remember you are to help the circle chairmen in their program planning, and to send your reports to the district vice-president by October 1, February 1, and June 1.

Cordially yours,

Frances Nall

Mrs. T. Otto Nall

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CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES

JUNE

Meet with the Committee on Program and plan the total program of the Woman's Society:

1. Monthly programs, using the *Program Book* and *Worship Booklet.*

2. Circle programs in consultation with circle program chairman.

3. Study classes.

4. Special days.

5. Presentation of the World Federation of Methodist Women.

Plan to attend your Conference Summer School, and Officers' Training Day.

Present program, "Changing Patterns in the March of Missions."

JULY

Present program plans to your executive committee for approval.

Plan to attend your district seminar.

Present program, "The March of Missions Through the World Federation of Methodist Women."

AUGUST

Complete the year's program and have the program booklets ready for distribution.

Present program, "My Life in the March of Missions."

SEPTEMBER

Make plans for study class, "Christian Concerns of North American Neighbors."

Present September program, "Christ's Message for Today." (The Fifth Assembly.)

OCTOBER

Observe Week of Prayer and Self-Denial.

Present World Federation of Methodist Women.

Present October program, "And Crown Thy Good With Brotherhood." (Introduction to home mission study: "Christian Concerns of North American Neighbors.")

NOVEMBER

Observe World Community Day (November 7).

Meet with Committee on Program to evaluate the past and plan for the future.

Present November program, "A Decade of Human Rights." (Celebrating the Tenth Anniversary of Human Rights Day.)

DECEMBER

Observe Human Rights Day (December 10).

Present December program, "Everywhere, Everywhere Christmas . . .!" (A Musical Service.)

JANUARY

Plan study course, "The Middle East."

Present January program, "Rekindling the Gift." (Related to foreign mission study: "Middle East.")

FEBRUARY

Present World Federation of Methodist Women.

Present February program, "A Christian Frontier—Literacy and Literature."

MARCH

Meet with the Committee on Program to evaluate programs and plan for future.

Plan study course, "Isaiah."

Present March program, "One in Christ—Progress in Ecumenicity."

APRIL

Observe A Day Apart during Lent.

Plan to attend district and conferennce meetings.

Present program, "Rapidly Developing Nations."

MAY

Plan study course, "Understanding Other Cultures."

Meet with Committee on Program to evaluate year's Committee on Program.

Present May program, "The World to Christ We Bring." (Pledge Service.)

Recording Secretary

R. Rickarby

MRS. J. ERNEST WILKINS
Recording Secretary, Woman's Division of Christian Service

Dear Recording Secretary:

Thank you for your many letters during the year. As a result, I have discovered that we have many new recording secretaries. And many, particularly at the local level, have never served before as an officer in the Woman's Society of Christian Service. This is good, for it shows that our Societies are reaching more and more of the untapped woman power of our churches. I welcome you into the fellowship of recording secretaries which is an interesting and extremely worthwhile field of Christian service. We pray for your success.

Congratulations and a special note of commendation go to the recording secretary of the Northwest Texas Conference, Mrs. H. Doyle Ragle. She showed originality and ingenuity in helping her district and local secretaries do a good piece of work. She demonstrated that she wanted not only to be a good recording secretary herself, but desired to give valuable guidance and assistance to her district and local secretaries. How did she do this? Space will not permit me to give you the whole story in detail, but it began with a well-prepared Officers' Training Day, followed by pages of helpful hints issued quarterly. Let me share with you just one page called "The Be's for a Good Recording Secretary."

1. Be Informed.
   a. Know the duties of the office.
   b. Know word usage, rules of punctuation, spelling, and capitalization. (Be willing to review or study them.)
   c. Know terminology of organization.
   d. Know parliamentary procedure.
   e. Know constitution, bylaws, standing rules, and policies of the Society on level serving.
2. Be Prompt.
   a. Arrive on time, preferably a few minutes before meeting begins.
   b. Rewrite minutes immediately while still fresh in mind.
   c. Answer correspondence.
3. Be Accurate, Conscientious, Dependable.
   a. Remember that minutes are the official records and final authority after approval.
   b. Get facts straight. Ask that long motions be written out.
4. Be Concise—Brief, But Clear.
5. Be Courteous, Thoughtful, Cooperative.
   a. Enroll and write the names of members as each one wishes.
   b. Maintain a procedural file of tools helpful to a successor.
   c. Be mindful of the efforts of your president and help and encourage her whenever you can.
6. Be Orderly and Neat.
   a. Keep minutes in order.
   b. Write legibly with ink or typewriter.
   c. Have a book that is permanent and keep in a safe, fireproof place.
7. Be a Good Reader.
   a. Enunciate clearly.
   b. Use good diction.
   c. Cultivate a pleasing voice.
8. Be a Subscriber to THE METHODIST WOMAN and WORLD OUTLOOK.
9. Be Prepared and Resourceful.
   a. To answer questions concerning the work, or know from whom or where the answers can be secured.
   b. To justify the confidence which the women placed in you when they elected you to this office.
   c. To take inventory of yourself. Have you done your best? Wherein have you failed? What could you have done that would have made you a more efficient and dependable officer? Do you study to improve yourself?
10. Be Spiritually Alert.
    a. Seek divine guidance and act upon it.
    b. Read Proverbs 3:6, James 1:5, and II Timothy 2:15.

Don't you agree with me that Mrs. Ragle has done a good job of emphasizing some of the worthwhile and pertinent points necessary for a good recording secretary? Congratulations again to Mrs. Ragle. Keep up the good work.

If you are coming to the Fifth Assembly, May 6-9, in St. Louis, Missouri, please make yourself known to me. I want to know all of you. Impossible? Well, at least I can try.

Most sincerely yours,

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MARGUERITE HARRIS
Treasurer, Woman's Division of Christian Service

Treasurer

Dear Treasurer:

Because each office is a part of one whole in the work of the Woman's Division of Christian Service, the way in which you carry out your responsibilities as treasurer is of great importance, not only to your local Society but to the district and conference Societies and to the work of the Woman's Division. The carrying through of each task listed below will add much to the efficiency of the entire organization.

In addition to the routine duties, you, as treasurer, have many opportunities for effective service in your local Society in the interpretation of our total program, and in emphasizing to your members the importance of Christian stewardship as a vital necessity not only in meeting needs around the world but in their own development as Christians.

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Marguerite Harris

QUARTERLY CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES

First Quarter—June, July, August

Review again the *Handbook for the Treasurer.* It has the answers to many of your questions.

Have your annual report for the year just closed passed by the auditing committee of the church.

Set up your books for the new year.

Hold a meeting of the Committee on Finance early in June to plan for the raising of the budget. Bring recommendations on ways and means to secure funds to the Society for adoption.

Consult with the treasurer of the Wesleyan Service Guild on dates when the Guild funds for the missionary program of the Woman's Division should be transferred to your account for forwarding to the district or conference treasurer.

Send first quarter's receipts to the district or conference treasurer by the date fixed by your conference (probably August 5).

Prepare monthly reports to be presented to and approved by the Woman's Society.

Second Quarter—September, October, November

In cooperation with the Secretary of Promotion, promote the use of My World Bank.

Cooperate in the program of the Week of Prayer and Self-Denial, especially in the plans that relate to the offering.

Send second quarter's receipts to the district or conference treasurer by the agreed date (probably November 5).

Prepare monthly reports to be presented to and approved by the Woman's Society.

Include in your report a presentation of Wills and Bequests to the members of your Society. Send for folder.

Third Quarter—December, January, February

See that pledges are paid up to date.

Plan for Christmas Offering if your Society has one.

Use every opportunity to present special memberships and Annuity Gifts to the members. Send for Annuity folder.

Plan for Lenten Offering if your Society has one.

Send third quarter's receipts to the district or conference treasurer (probably by February 5).

Prepare monthly reports to be presented to and approved by the Woman's Society.

Fourth Quarter—March, April, May

Urge all members to complete pledge payments for the year.

Send fourth quarter's receipts to the district or conference treasurer by the agreed date (probably May 10). Since this is the last report for the fiscal year, *empty your treasury,* insofar as possible, and send in all available funds for the work of the Woman's Division.

Prepare your annual report to be presented to and approved by the Woman's Society.

Call a meeting of the Committee on Finance to prepare the 1959-1960 budget.

Present that budget for adoption to the Woman's Society and make sure that it is fully understood.

With the Committee on Program, plan a Pledge Service to obtain pledges for the new fiscal year.

Promotion

DORCAS HALL
Executive Secretary, Section of Education and Cultivation

Greetings to all newly-elected Secretaries of Promotion and to all the continuing secretaries!

The year is nearly over. You will want to be sure that the work of the year has been completed and the reports sent in.

Be sure that the membership figures are accurate as you start the new year. These figures are really people, and continued contact with these people is necessary to keep up their interest in the work of the Woman's Society.

Remember that the reports should be filled out in the Executive Committee meeting and should be discussed and evaluated in order that the items to be promoted may be lifted up.

As we work together in the Woman's Society of Christian Service, we realize the importance of the work we are doing and the need for more dedicated members to carry on the work here so that our deaconesses and missionaries may be able to do their job in the field

Sincerely yours,

Dorcas Hall

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CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES

Plan with the executive committee for the work of the new year.

Review the three reports on Promotion in the permanent record book with a view to strengthening weak spots.

Study the local situation concerning working women to discover how the changing pattern affects the membership and program of the Woman's Society. Report findings to the executive committee.

Cooperate in furthering fellowship through local church activities.

Be alert for district and subdistrict meeting dates.

Cooperate in the Week of Prayer and Self-Denial, October 25-31; and in United Nations Day, October 24.

Review the work of the past six months and evaluate its effectiveness.

In following out Goal 6, *to identify oneself with peoples of the world,* cooperate with Secretary of Missionary Education in promoting the study program.

Participate in the observance of Epiphany, January 6, with special attention to new members.

Give some thought to the value of "In-Service Training" as well as Officers' Training Day.

Encourage attendance at district and subdistrict meetings.

Evaluate the year's use of audio-visual materials.

Order material for In-Service Training through the Secretary of Literature and Publications. Do your part in planning an In-Service Training session.

In an executive committee meeting, work with all other officers in filling out reports for the year.

Be sure that membership figures are correct.

Evaluate reports before sending.

See that the officers send their reports to their respective district officers by May 31.

Send the list of newly-elected officers with complete addresses to the district Secretary of Promotion.

Compare the Society's progress with that of a year ago, using the Check Sheet.

How far have you progressed toward reaching the Quadrennial Goals?

ELIZABETH STINSON
Secretary of Missionary Education

Missionary Education and Service

Dear Secretary:

Possibilities for a wonderful year lie before you. Study carefully the *Handbook—Missionary Education and Service, 1956-1960*;[1] the leaflets *Questions and Answers on Missionary Education*,[2] *Study and Action, 1958-1959*,[2] *Ways of Conducting Study Classes*;[2] the *Program Book*, and the current text books and guides. We doubt that you have had a series of studies which you have enjoyed more than you will the four for 1958-1959. Seek to interest your Society in all of these. Make a significant contribution to the Committee on program as you plan for the educational work of the Society.

Be alert for interesting missionary information for monthly meetings.

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Elizabeth Stinson

CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES

June

Send your June and annual reports to your district secretary by June 1.

Present ideas for action following current study.

Study the spread in the June issue of The Methodist Woman for 1958-59 study materials.

Attend your conference School of Missions and Christian Service, if possible, whenever it is held.

July

Give the sort of publicity to the District Educational Seminar that will stimulate the Society members to make every effort to be on hand. Give them the time, place, and personnel of the seminar.

August

Acquaint the Society with the study plans for 1958-1959 in such a way as to arouse their interest. To the Committee on Program offer suggestions for programs and initiate study plans for 1958-1959.

September

Attend the District Educational Seminar.

Share an account of a missionary interview in which you or some other member participated.

October

Mail your report by October 1.

Participate in the Week-of-Prayer plans.

Give information on those projects of the Woman's Division which are to receive gifts from the study, "Christian Concerns of North American Neighbors."

November

Complete the study, "Christian Concerns of North American Neighbors." Follow with action and gifts.

Plan with Committee on Program for next quarter.

December

Share a Christmas missionary story.

Plan for the study, "The Middle East."

January

Cooperate in the church-wide study, "Methodism in Alaska and Hawaii," when it is offered.

Share in the church school of mission studies.

Call to the attention of the Society an article from The Methodist Woman or World Outlook.

February

Mail your report by February 1.

With Committee on Program plan for next quarter.

Plan for the study, "A Study of Isaiah."

Present ideas for action following current study.

March

Bring interesting missionary information from the *Nineteenth Annual Report of the Woman's Division*.

Begin the course, "A Study of Isaiah."

April

Plan for the study, "Understanding Other Cultures."

Present ideas for action after a study of *Isaiah Speaks*.

Cooperate in plans for Officers' Training Day.

May

Register for your conference School of Missions if you have not already done so.

Begin the study, "Understanding Other Cultures."

Participate in Officers' Training Day.

With Committee on Program plan for next quarter.

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[1] Price 35 cents. Order from Literature Headquarters, 7820 Reading Road, Cincinnati 37, Ohio; or Distributing Offices.

[2] Free for postage. Order from Literature Headquarters.

Christian Social Relations

Blackstone Studios, New York

THELMA STEVENS
Executive Secretary, Christian Social Relations

To Secretaries of Christian Social Relations

Dear Friends:

The leaflet *Activities for 1958-59* (Literature Headquarters, free for postage) points up in specific terms some of the major emphases for the year. Because this is the Tenth Anniversary Year of the adoption by the United Nations of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, special attention is directed to this anniversary observance. The focus is placed on *The Family* and its "rights" with special emphasis on education, housing, youth protection, alcohol, public morals, and working for world peace. The following calendar of special events and activities will have special importance as you plan your program for the year.

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Thelma D Stevens

CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES

June

Mail your report by June 1.

Continue plans for the year ahead. Use The Methodist Woman for March, 1958, the leaflet *Activities for 1958-59*, the *Handbook*, and the filmstrip "This Is Christian Social Relations" as essential tools.

July-August

Plan Citizenship Brunches on 1958 election issues. (See July-August, 1958, issue of The Methodist Woman.)

September

Continue work on Citizenship Brunches.

Plan toward U.N. Day observance. (See The Methodist Woman, September, 1958.)

October

Mail report by October 1.

Cooperate in community observance of U.N. Week and UNICEF Trick or Treat Hallowe'en.

Encourage observance of World Order Sunday. (Order World Order Message from National Council of Churches, P. O. Box 140, Madison Square Station, New York, N. Y.)

Cooperate in program related to National Conference on Family Life.

November

Cooperate in observance of World Community Day.

Continue plans for Human Rights Day observance. (See The Methodist Woman, October, 1958.)

December

Encourage the church-wide observance of Commitment Sunday. Promote non-alcoholic office and youth holiday parties.

Observe Human Rights Day, December 10.

January

Observe Church and Economic Life Week. (Order program material from National Council of Churches.)

February

Mail report February 1.

Check progress in racial practices using Charter of Racial Policies as a standard.

March

Committee should study new recommendations in The Methodist Woman for March, 1959.

April

Plan for church and community observance of *National Family Life Week*, and *May Fellowship Day*.

May

Cooperate in May Fellowship Day and Family Life Week.

Call committee meeting to take stock and plan for the new year.

LILLIAN A. JOHNSON
Secretary of Wesleyan Service Guild

Wesleyan Service Guild

Dear President:

The Wesleyan Service Guild Calendar of Activities is set up for the use of all officers and committees of the Guild unit. Each officer should also use the Calendar of Activities for her own special line of work. There will be two emphases in the Wesleyan Service Guild this year—one on membership, with particular stress on the assimilation of new members, the other on financial giving as a part of total stewardship. These two emphases have value if approached within the framework of the purpose of the Guild and the quadrennial theme, "The Spirit of Christ for All of Life."

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CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES

June

The president of the Guild unit arranges for a meeting with the coordinator and the president of the Woman's Society of Christian Service. They should clear the matter of attendance of Guild president and treasurer at executive meetings of the Woman's Society of Christian Service, and should discuss possibilities of a joint meeting of the Woman's Society and Guild for January, which is Guild Month.

Outgoing Secretaries of Promotion and treasurers turn over their books to the incoming officers.

The Committee on Program, the Executive Committee and the Committee on Finance meet. The Committee on Finance works out a budget to present to the unit.

July

Committees meet to make plans, then the Committee on Program meets to coordinate these plans.

Work on a course of action for the following: membership emphasis, with special attention on assimilation of new members; financial giving; approved study courses; local church activities; Guild Month.

August

The Guild enlists the cooperation of the minister and the Woman's Society in planning for Guild Month in January.

September

Make personal contact with prospective members.

The Guild vice-president confers with the vice-president of the Woman's Society of Christian Service to arrange for joint planning of the Week of Prayer and Self-Denial.

The chairman of Status of Women brings the Service Activity Card file up to date. Supplementary resource sheets also may be distributed.

The Committee on Literature and Publications displays Woman's Division materials at the monthly meeting.

October

Observe United Nations Day.

New members are placed on committees.

November

Cooperate with other organizations of the church in making plans for Human Rights Day, December 10.

December

Make final plans for Guild Month.

January

Guild Month. Publicize the Guild by making known its purpose and program.

Hold a tea for new members.

The Woman's Society and Guild hold a joint meeting.

The Committee on Program meets to evaluate the program and activities of the unit.

February

Participate in World Day of Prayer, February 13.

The Committee on Nominations meets.

The Committee on Spiritual Life is responsible for a Lenten Communion breakfast for a Sunday morning in February or March.

March

Publicize THE METHODIST WOMAN, WORLD OUTLOOK, and the *Prayer Calendar*.

The Committee on Christian Social Relations evaluates progress in the implementation of the Charter of Racial Policies and other individual and group action.

April

Officers are elected.

Publicize the program of the World Federation of Methodist Women.

Make plans for attending the Conference School of Missions and Christian Service.

May

Pledge Service.

Committees are appointed.

Student Work

DOROTHY A. NYLAND
Secretary of Student Work

Dear Secretary of Student Work:

The Life and Mission of the Church is the World's Student Christian Federation emphasis for the next six years. All over the world students will be studying, praying, and dedicating their lives to the Lord Jesus Christ. May we as Secretaries of Student Work be prepared to share with them, in these challenging days, our convictions that Jesus Christ is Lord of our lives and of the world in which we live.

Yours in fellowship,

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CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES

June

Cooperate in church plans for the observance of Methodist Student Day (second Sunday). See that the church offering for Methodist Student Loan and Scholarship Fund is sent to the treasurer of your conference Board of Education.

Mail report on or before June 1.

July

Suggest and urge that students be used in summer church program—in choir, vacation church school, teaching in church school.

Fill out Student Introduction Cards * for those entering colleges in fall. Mail directly to Methodist Campus Director of Religious Life, Director of Wesley Foundation, or to the pastor of the church. This should be done by *July 15.*

August

Encourage students to consider giving their lives in world mission of the church at home and abroad. (See *Methodist Service Projects.**) Subscribe to the student magazine, *motive.* Order from P. O. Box 871, Nashville 2, Tennessee.

September

Plan recognition of students leaving for college. If in a college town, plan to recognize college students attending your church.

Mail devotional materials to students away from home and to service personnel. Encourage those in service to visit church where they are located. (See *Directory of Methodist Missions Overseas.* Order from Editorial Department, Board of Missions, 150 Fifth Avenue, New York 11, N. Y. Free.)

October

World-Wide Communion Sunday. Opportunity to help students become world-minded.

Share materials on missions with students and service personnel.

Mail report on or before October 1.

November

Entertain students from overseas, especially during holidays. Contact foreign student advisor on campus for names. Write to the state MSM chairman of World Christian Community for names of Methodist overseas students.

December

Work with pastor in the observance of Student Recognition Day (fourth Sunday). Welcome students home with fellowship tea or brunch. Challenge them with Christian vocations.

January

Write letters to students and service personnel away from home.

Send devotional booklet, *Power.* Order from P. O. Box 871, Nashville 2, Tennessee.

February

Race Relations Day (second Sunday).

Suggest missionary materials for student libraries.

World's Student Christian Federation Day of Prayer (third Sunday).

Mail report on or before February 1.

March

Suggest to the Committee on Program that a deputation team of students from a nearby college be invited to lead a worship service and participate in Woman's Society meeting.

Be on alert for students who should participate in summer service projects and full-time missionary service. Order *Methodist Service Projects.**

April

Cooperate with your pastor in inviting deputation teams of students to speak in your church.

May

Encourage high-school seniors to go to college. Entertain seniors from your church and have a speaker on "Christian Service."

Urge World Christian Community chairman to attend the Methodist Student Regional Leadership Training Conferences.

* Available from Literature Headquarters, 7820 Reading Road, Cincinnati 37, Ohio.

HELEN L. JOHNSON
Secretary of Youth Work

Youth Work

Memo to the Secretary of Youth Work:

Many opportunities will come to you as an adult worker with youth. You w have enriching experiences as you plan with other adult workers in the Fellowship Adult Workers With Youth. Some responsibilities will be assigned to you by the MY council on which you serve in an advisory capacity.

Additional suggestions of activities for the MYF in Christian Outreach may found in "Around the Calendar" in the September, 1958, issue of THE METHODI WOMAN, and in *Youth Planbook*[1]*—1958-59.*

Youth need the benefit of adult guidance to become mature Christians. Although you will make an effo to keep the Woman's Society of Christian Service informed about missionary education in the MYF. a to report regularly, your primary concern will be centered toward the Christian growth of each member the group.

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CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES

JUNE

Review *Handbook of the Methodist Youth Fellowship,** *Guidebook for Workers with Youth,** and *A Guide for the Woman's Society of Christian Service.** (See Youth Work, pages 14-18.)

Encourage members of the MYF to make new MYFund pledges.

Help in making it possible for youth to attend camp, institute, or assembly.

JULY-AUGUST

Enrich your leadership by attending some training opportunity such as: School of Missions and Christian Service, MYF Regional or Area Workshop, Leadership School.

Order materials for youth on missionary themes. "Christian Concerns of North American Neighbors" and "The Middle East."

SEPTEMBER

Work with the MYF council in helping to make Christian Outreach an important part of the MYF program.

Talk with the World Friendship Group of Girls to learn about their plans for the months ahead. Provide the program material *Concerns Unlimited.**

OCTOBER

Consider ways youth may participate in World-Wide Communion Sunday, October 5, and United Nations Day, October 24.

Discuss with the Fellowship of Adult Workers ways of including an emphasis on Christian Outreach in the MYF program.

Cooperate with the local church committee on Christian Vocations in plans for the months ahead.

NOVEMBER

Observe World Order Sunday, November 9.

Tell the Woman's Society about plans for including Christian Outreach in the program of the MYF.

Order the Youth Packet on "The Middle East." (Free in limited quantity.) See *Missionary Mat rials for Youth,* 2125-B.*

DECEMBER

Encourage the MYF to observe Human Righ Day, December 10.

Urge interested young people to attend vocation conferences to learn about vocations within t church, including missionary and deaconess servic

JANUARY

Provide resources for adult workers in the MY for the study of the Middle East. Use the 19 fall issue of *The Methodist Youth Fund Bulleti*

Cooperate in plans for youth to participate in t Church School of Missions (whenever it is held).

FEBRUARY

Urge youth to participate in observing the Wor Day of Prayer, February 13.

MARCH

Order the Youth Packet on "Christian Concer of North American Neighbors." (Free in limit quantity. See *Missionary Materials for Youth.*)

Check on Methodist Youth Fund giving. A pledges should be paid up to date. Be sure all mone is sent in before end of fiscal year.

APRIL

Provide resources for adult workers in the MY for the study of "Christian Concerns of North Amer can Neighbors." Use the winter issue of *The Meth odist Youth Fund Bulletin*[2] to enrich the study.

MAY

Encourage youth attending summer camps, inst tutes and assemblies to bring back ideas for strengt ening Christian Outreach in the MYF.

Attend sessions on Officers' Training Day.

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[1] Order from The Methodist Publishing House which serves you.
[2] Order from Youth Department, Box 871, Nashville, Tennessee.
* Order from Literature Headquarters, 7820 Reading Road, Cincinn 27, Ohio, or Distributing Offices.

Children's Work

MONA E. KEWISH
Secretary of Children's Work

Dear Secretary:

It is time to take a fresh look at the program year and what it means to children in your church and community. Become familiar with the Calendar of Activities and consider what this means in terms of your on-going plans for children.

Attend the council of children's workers regularly. Read THE METHODIST WOMAN and *Child Guidance in Christian Living* each month. Read and study your new *Handbook** for Secretaries of Children's Work. You will find this a useful tool.

May this year be one of prayer, creative planning, and purposeful action as you consider the needs of children everywhere.

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CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES

JUNE

Cooperate in Vacation Church School plans.

Attend Officers' Training Day at Woman's Society.

Study leaflet, *Secretary of Children's Work.**
Read pages in THE METHODIST WOMAN on Children's Work.

JULY-AUGUST

Attend Conference School of Missions, Leadership School, Laboratory School, Observation School, or Children's Workers' Conference whenever possible.

SEPTEMBER

Attend seminar of Woman's Society of Christian Service for study emphases for year.

Meet with council of children's workers to plan year's work, including missionary education.

Read pages in *Child Guidance in Christian Living*[1] for September, 1958. (Missionary resources and materials.)

Report to Woman's Society and display current missionary materials.

Send report to district secretaries by October 1.

OCTOBER

Attend workshops and leadership classes for children's workers.

Participate in plans for United Nations Day, and in Thanksgiving plans for children.

Read pages in THE METHODIST WOMAN on Children's Work.

NOVEMBER

Attend council of children's workers whenever meetings are held.

Participate in plans for Christmas activities for children.

DECEMBER

Assist with plans for January missionary units, Sunday sessions, and additional sessions.

Read pages in *Child Guidance in Christian Living* and THE METHODIST WOMAN.

JANUARY

Become familiar with all missionary materials and resources. Assist with leadership.

Read primary and junior manuals on missionary units for use in additional sessions.

Send report to district secretary by February 1.

FEBRUARY

Attend council of children's workers.

Report to Woman's Society of Christian Service.

MARCH

Assist with vacation church school plans.

Attend vacation church school workshops.

Assist with plans for additional sessions on missionary unit for May.

APRIL

Report plans for vacation church school to Woman's Society of Christian Service.

Cooperate in plans for Christian Family Life Week and Children's Day.

MAY

Attend district and conference meetings of the Woman's Society of Christian Service.

Report to district secretary by June 1.

* Available from Literature Headquarters, 7820 Reading Road, Cincinnati 37, Ohio; or Distributing Offices.

[1] Order from The Methodist Publishing House serving your territory.

MRS. E. U. ROBINSON
Chairman, Standing Committee on Spiritual Life

Spiritual Life

Dear Secretary:

You have been elected to an office in your Woman's Society or Wesleyan Service Guild which calls you to a task too big for you to do alone: ". . . to seek to quicken the spiritual life of all the women of the church and to increase their sense of responsibility for personal service and giving. . . ." Such a task can be undertaken only in the Father's Name.

Try to make the following objectives *yours*. Strive to carry out the Calendar of Activities as a joyous undertaking both for you and those with whom you work.

The *reward*? A sense of having been faithful to a task undertaken in His Name.

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Mrs. E. U. Robinson

OUR OBJECTIVES

1. To enrich the spiritual life of every Methodist woman by inspiring each one to dedicate more of her time to prayer and study.
2. To make each Christian woman realize she is an evangelist and a missionary.
3. To encourage definite prayer for young people in the local church to dedicate their lives to Christian service.
4. To promote use of the *Prayer Calendar* * by recalling that our missionaries go out in faith sustained by prayer.
5. To organize the Committee on Spiritual Life.
6. To cooperate with and be an active member of the Commission on Membership and Evangelism in the local church.

CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES

JUNE-AUGUST

Attend Conference School of Missions.

As a member of the Committee on Program study the *Program Book* * and *Worship Booklet*.*

Organize the Committee on Spiritual Life and acquaint each committee member with the material in the Spiritual Life packet.

SEPTEMBER

Ponder anew the real meaning of the Week of Prayer and Self-Denial and with your committee seek ways to truly observe it in the Woman's Society and Wesleyan Service Guild.

Fellowship of Intercession—Prayer Fellowship. (See July-August issue of THE METHODIST WOMAN.)

OCTOBER

Observe the Week of Prayer and Self-Denial in its total program. (See Handbook in Week of Prayer packet.)

World-Wide Communion Sunday, October 5.

NOVEMBER

Meet with the Committee on Spiritual Life and evaluate the program thus far.

DECEMBER

Make Christmas Christian.

Commitment Sunday, December 7.

Universal Bible Sunday, December 14.

Student Recognition Day, December 28.

JANUARY

Epiphany, January 6.

Present Stewardship (*Handbook*, page 13) as a total experience of Christian living.

Begin preparation for Lenten season, including plans for: the Spiritual Life study emphasis upon personal devotions; the use of Spiritual Life bookshelf; urging church attendance.

FEBRUARY

Plan for Day Apart service in March.

Begin study of *Isaiah Speaks*.*

Week of Dedication.

MARCH

Day Apart service. (See THE METHODIST WOMAN.)

Holy Week.

Easter, March 29.

APRIL

Meet with the Committee on Spiritual Life and evaluate the effectiveness of the program during the Lenten season.

MAY

Assist in making the pledge service a dedication of time, talents, and gifts.

Officers' Training Day. Study your *Handbook*.*

May Fellowship Day, May 1.

Christian Family Week, May 3-9.

* Available from Literature Headquarters, 7820 Reading Road, Cincinnati 37, Ohio; or Distributing Offices.

Literature and Publications

Harry Carlson
MRS. C. C. LONG
Circulation Manager and Secretary of Literature

Dear Secretary:

The office of Secretary of Literature and Publications is a most important one, as it undergirds the entire work of the Woman's Society of Christian Service.

The *Annual Announcement* will list the four studies and supplementary material, program and worship materials, and all new publications. This will be ready in May. The *Catalog*—ready in early fall—will list all materials available from Literature Headquarters.

See the *Handbook for Secretaries of Literature and Publications** for instructions for ordering material and sending subscriptions. This handbook is also an important aid in fulfilling the duties of this office.

Gratefully yours,

(Mrs. C. C.) Ruth A. Long

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CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES

Secure renewals and new subscriptions every month.

June

Write for *Annual Announcement.* Study carefully.

If a new secretary, send name and address and name and address of your church to The Methodist Woman, 7820 Reading Road, Cincinnati 37, Ohio.

Secure *Subscription Record Book* and Procedural File from the former Secretary of Literature and Publications.

July

Assist in literature display rooms at summer schools if needed.

Make *Prayer Calendar* * live.

Order the *Program Book,** *Worship Booklet,** *My Date Book.**

Serve on Committee on Program.

August

Order materials for "Christian Concerns of North American Neighbors" study. Further information found in *Annual Announcement* * on all studies and on back cover of The Methodist Woman.

September

You have received a sample packet of Week of Prayer material from your district officer. Give immediately to the Secretary of Spiritual Life.

Order additional material for Week of Prayer from Literature Headquarters, at least three weeks before needed.

Send report to your district Secretary of Literature and Publications by October 1.

October

Work to bring in all combination renewals to The Methodist Woman and World Outlook. Watch The Methodist Woman for plans.

November

What's new? Tell others! See back cover of The Methodist Woman.

Encourage Christmas gift subscriptions to The Methodist Woman and World Outlook. A beautiful gift card will be sent.

December

Suggest gift from the Society of a year's subscription to The Methodist Woman and World Outlook for each new member.

January

Nineteenth Annual Report * ready about January 25. A *must* for every Society. Order early.

Send report to the district Secretary of Literature and Publications by February 1.

February

Plan display of books for Lent.

Help all members become familiar with new material listed on back cover of The Methodist Woman.

March

Order promotional materials to be used on Officers' Training Day.

April

This is the month set for the drive to secure combination subscriptions to The Methodist Woman and World Outlook. Work, work, *work.* Help your district win the banner award.

Plan to attend Officers' Training Day.

May

Order copies of *Program Book* * and *Worship Booklet* * for 1959-60.

Secure subscriptions—new and renewals.

Send report to the district Secretary of Literature and Publications by June 1.

* Available from Literature Headquarters, 7820 Reading Road, Cincinnati 37, Ohio; or Distributing Offices.

MRS. B. R. LEWIS
Chairman, Standing Committee on Supply Work

Supply Work

Dear Secretary:

This Calendar should help you in formulating a general plan for the year, and in implementing this plan, month by month. Keep it at hand for easy reference all year. Other essential materials are the *Handbook*, materials on the Bookshelf (page 27 of the *Handbook*) and the free leaflet, *Report It This Way.*

You have an unusual opportunity for service in your Society. As you share interesting and stimulating information related to the projects on your approved Supply Work list, you will open hearts and minds to the possibilities of achievement through the total program of the Woman's Division.

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CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES

June

You will receive an approved list of Supply Work askings from your district secretary. Present this list to the Society for approval. Report to district secretary any part of list not accepted. Plan ways of meeting the accepted askings with the Society.

July

Using the *Eighteenth Annual Report* of the Woman's Division, become acquainted with details concerning the projects on your accepted Supply Work list.

Be prepared to give the Wesleyan Service Guild and Secretaries of Children's and Youth Work any information they may seek. Ask them to inform you of any Supply Work they do, for you report the Supply Work of children, youth, Guild, and Woman's Society to the district secretary every four months.

August

Plan a Christmas Supply Work party.

If articles on your list can be made by the members, arrange for this to be done.

September

Provide information relating to the projects on your list in the Department of Work in Foreign Fields. Always send *cash* for Supply Work to foreign fields. Notify institutions when cash has been sent. *Never* send cash directly to a project (home or foreign). Send money through regular channels of finance.

Check with treasurer on correct amount of cash sent for Supply Work. Report this amount, also value of new goods, to your district secretary on or before October 1.

October

If your list includes Christmas needs for a home institution, make plans for doing this early. The institution will need it *before* Christmas. Send a Shipment of Goods Blank with *every* box.

November

Share all letters acknowledging Supply Work with the Society.

If used clothing is on your askings, select it carefully. Send only requested items. Shipping cost may be reported as value.

December

Discourage contributions by your Society to groups not eligible for Supply Work. (See leaflet, *Report It This Way.*)

January

Take inventory and inform Society of remaining needs on your list. Suggest plans to meet them.

Prepare second period report, checking with treasurer for correct amount of cash. Send report to district secretary on or before February 1.

February

Collect another box of articles and/or material for a home institution on your list. (All boxes must be sent postpaid.) If agreeable with institution your Society may prefer sending cash instead of the items requested.

March

Explain to your Society that Supply Work is necessary because giving to missions through "pledge" is not adequate to furnish all the needed equipment, materials, and supplies.

Stress the importance of some undesignated Cash for Supply Work.

April

If your Society has completed the approved list and wants additional Supply Work, write your district or conference Secretary of Supply Work.

All Cash for Supply Work must be completed and reported to treasurer before she closes books for the year.

May

Report to Society the total amount of Supply Work. Prepare third and annual reports. (Check cash carefully with treasurer.) Send to district secretary before June 1.

Status of Women

MRS. J. RUSSELL HENDERSON
Chairman, Standing Committee on Status of Women

Dear Secretary of Status of Women:

WHETHER you are a newly elected secretary, or one continuing in this office, you need first to become aware of facts concerning the life and work of women in church and society today. As you study you will soon discover that the work of the Woman's Society of Christian Service and the Wesleyan Service Guild, as well as that of many other women's voluntary organizations, is significantly affected by today's changing patterns.

The standing Committee on Status of Women met in January, 1958, for the first time in this quadrennium. Miss Leila Anderson of the staff of the National Council of Churches, who brought the background address for our thinking together, pointed out that the Church, the Body of Christ in the world, cannot be what it is supposed to be until relationships between the various members are improved and this includes certainly the relationship between men and women in the church. The speaker reviewed briefly the place and work of women in church and society and pointed out that when we study various cultures we readily see that culture has had much to do with woman's status in the home and community, as well as in the church and the world of work.

A number of recommendations made by the standing committee were referred by the Woman's Division to other committees and will be considered as part of the ongoing study in this area. The Woman's Division is grateful for your response to the questions asked in the Officers' Letter of May, 1957.

You will find many helpful articles in THE METHODIST WOMAN, WORLD OUTLOOK, *The Church Woman,* as well as other periodicals. You may want to call the attention of the women to these, for example:

"Newer Frontiers for Woman's Rights"—THE METHODIST WOMAN, September, 1957
"Protestant Women at Work in 1957"—*The Church Woman,* January and February, 1958
"Educated Lay Women and the Church"—WORLD OUTLOOK, July, 1957
"Church of England Widens Women's Role"—WORLD OUTLOOK, July, 1957

For your own study and that of your group the following materials should prove helpful:

"Men and Women in the Church"—THE METHODIST WOMAN, April, 1957
"The Role of the Laity in the Church"—WORLD OUTLOOK, April, 1957
"Woman Power and the Churches"—*The Christian Century,* July 10, 1957
"My Fair Lady"—*The Church Woman,* October, 1957
In Every Place a Voice, Muelder—Literature Headquarters. 65 cents
Understanding Other Cultures, Brown—Literature Headquarters. 75 cents
Men and Women in Church and Society—15 cents
Laymen, Specialists in the Church—15 cents
The Christian Message on Cooperation of Men and Women in Church and Society—25 cents

(The last three to be ordered from World Council of Churches, 156 Fifth Avenue, New York 10, N. Y.)

Womanpower—A study of Women in the labor force by the National Manpower Council. Published by Columbia University Press. Probably available from your public library.

Facts About Women Workers—Leaflet 18, price 5 cents. (Superintendent of Documents, U. S. Government Printing Office, Washington, D. C.)

Your primary responsibility as Secretary of Status of Women according to the bylaws is to work with your committee (in the smaller Societies you may not need a committee), with Committees on Program and Membership, and with the Secretary of Promotion in helping and encouraging each woman in your church to find her place of service in the church and community. In the large Society or Wesleyan Service Guild the church-wide survey of leadership resources of women in the church and keeping an up-to-date file of information about each woman is a continuing task. In small Societies where the women's abilities are known and there are two or three jobs for each person this procedure need not be followed. See *A Guide,* page 37, "Small Societies." The following suggestions may be helpful for the survey of leadership resources: (1) Order the Service Activity Cards or prepare your own questionnaire. (2) Enlist the help of your committee, of circle chairmen, of the pastor, and the church secretary in making your file complete. (3) See that information from the cards is given to committees or individuals where it can and will be used.

Study the 1956 *Discipline* of The Methodist Church and become familiar with the commissions and committees in the local church, noting especially those where officers of the Woman's Society are supposed to serve. Consult with the president and with the pastor as you encourage these women to realize their responsibility for serving to the very best of their abilities.

Secure and become familiar with the *Program Book* and the *Worship Booklet* so that you are able to make your best contribution as a member of the Committee on Program. Your file of information about each member should help you in making suggestions of women particularly fitted for the various program needs.

Reports to your district secretary are due October 1, February 1, and June 1.

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Dear Friends:

When this issue of THE METHODIST WOMAN reaches your desk I am sure that many of your Societies and Guilds will have plans already under way to share in May Fellowship Day on May 2. This special program theme, "A Place to Live," has great significance for Christians in these days when so many families are seeking "A Place to Live"—a *home!* In many communities there are no Councils of Church Women to promote *May Fellowship Day.* In such communities you have an even greater opportunity to lead out in study and action related to housing needs in your own community.

The following resources will be helpful:

1. *Who Needs a Home?*—By Margaret R. Bender. (THE METHODIST WOMAN, June, 1957.)

2. *Houses and People*—By Margaret Kuhn. National Council of Churches, P. O. Box 140, Madison Square Station, New York, N. Y.

3. *Housing Without Racial Barriers.* (Issue of *Social Action* Magazine)—25 cents. Order from National Council of Churches at above address.

Because housing is such a grave problem across the nation we have this month used the next three pages for some special "spot" reports from four of the six jurisdictions. The stories told here have primary concern for "open occupancy" housing problems and an appraisal of progress in these particular places. These articles were written by persons selected by the jurisdiction secretaries of these four jurisdictions. The other two jurisdiction stories will appear at a later date.

You will note also on page 35 of this issue of THE METHODIST WOMAN the letter in *The Officers' Letter File* that will be important for you and your committee. This should be helpful as you check the *Calendar of Activities* for your Society or Guild and decide what events and responsibilities have special significance for you and your committee.

Your new *Activities for 1958-59* should be available at Literature Headquarters (free for postage) by May 1. This leaflet will be helpful as you and your committee plan your special emphases and responsibilities for the year ahead. Be sure to have at hand THE METHODIST WOMAN for March, 1958, to be used with your new *Activities* leaflet. Note especially the "tools" suggested in the *Activities* leaflet and make sure your committee has these materials. The filmstrip "This Is Christian Social Relations," will be specially important if you and your committee are new at this job.

Here is another reminder of two interrelated responsibilities that point up the significance of this year 1958! First, many of you have already secured the 1948-1958 edition of *The People Take the Lead* (Literature Headquarters, price, 35 cents). This edition commemorates the tenth anniversary of the the Report of the President's Committee on Civil Rights, indicating progress made and problems faced. This publication provides greatly needed information during this year 1958 when our own nation—along with nations all over the world—will celebrate the tenth anniversary of the adoption of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights by the United Nations. This Human Rights Day observance on December 10, 1958, should be a climax to a year of great effort by church and community groups across the nation to *achieve* greater justice and freedom for all the people in our own "democracy."

Thirty national agencies, including the Woman's Division, have jointly sponsored the publication of a *Guide for Community Action* looking toward this tenth anniversary observance. The *Guide* is entitled "In Your Hands," and it is available at Literature Headquarters, price, 50 cents. Why not make sure that your committee has these two tools?

Every month in the year is important for Woman's Societies and Guilds, but doubtless the month of May brings to greater focus the challenge of the task that faces us. Many new officers are installed. They accept their responsibilities in most cases with that rare dedication to the task that makes our Woman's Society possess the greatest potential for service yet found among Protestant forces. If only we can direct and use that potential in the spirit of Christ and for the fulfillment of His mission among men! God help us to try!

Sincerely yours,

THELMA STEVENS
MARGARET R. BENDER

In the March issue it was stated that the film, "Crisis in Levittown" could be secured from Association Films. It can be purchased from Dynamic Films, 112 West 89th St., New York, or rented from Anti-Defamation League, 515 Madison Avenue, New York.

HOUSING FOR THE NATION'S FAMILIES

Opportunities and Limitations in Philadelphia

The Report of the Governor's Pennsylvania Committee on Housing (1957) reads as follows:

Testimony before the Committee shows the continued existence of a pattern of housing discrimination, directed primarily at Negro citizens, who were shown to be effectively barred from adequate housing in suburban areas. . . . Housing in cities is available to Negroes largely on a ghetto basis. The number of rental units and new sale housing available to Negroes falls far below the proportion of Negroes in the population of the Commonwealth. . . . In a very real sense Negroes and other minority groups are blocked from participating in a freely competitive housing market.

Philadelphia has an estimated population of 2,179,000. Of that number 79 per cent are white and 21 per cent are Negro. These figures show a 21 per cent gain in Negro population as compared to a 7.4 per cent gain in white population since 1950. Besides the increase in population and change in racial composition, there has come a change in distribution, as the population has moved out from center city in ever-widening concentric circles.

Until recently Negroes had to be content with left-overs in housing. By low income and discriminatory practices, they were confined to the oldest, and most crowded quarters. Most of them had to rent rather than buy a house.

In 1956, 25,000 Negro families in Philadelphia had incomes of $4,000 or above. There thus emerges a Negro middle class both in terms of income and social achievement, and a demand for better homes. Can we expect Philadelphia's 450,000 Negroes to stay in marked-off areas while the rest of the population moves at will?

Laws to prohibit racial discrimination in the sale or rental of housing have been introduced in the Pennsylvania Legislature. Until such laws are passed, all possible resources must be used to gain equal human rights in housing.

The Commission on Human Relations is an official agency of Philadelphia. It works to promote understanding, to administer local and state laws that prohibit discrimination, and to conduct programs to help promote equality of opportunity for all citizens.

After a survey of forty changing neighborhoods the Commission declares that failure to make adjustment to racial change in a neighborhood is due to fear and ignorance. Therefore they have prepared a *Kit—"What to Do—* a program for leaders in changing neighborhoods." Several examples of progressive community efforts in this direction are available.

The Neighbor's Committee of the 5700 Block of Jefferson Street says: "Don't Panic—Squelch Rumors—Combat Unscrupulous Real Estate Practices — Welcome All Good Neighbors Regardless of Race—Our's Is a Good Neighborhood—It's Foolish to Run Away."

The Religious Community Council of Stenton is made up of two Jewish congregations, two Presbyterian congregations, and one each of Episcopal and Universalist. Its purpose is to welcome new neighbors and seek community cooperation despite differences in religion, race, or nationality.

The Sedgwick Neighbors' Association, Mt. Airy, Philadelphia, publishes a sheet called "The High Cost of Moving" to point up the financial folly involved in flight from Negro neighbors.

Information furnished by the Philadelphia Fellowship Commission indicates these areas of "open housing."

The Friends' Self-Help Project, 8th and Fairmount, is a mutual ownership housing development. Century-old residences are completely modernized. The interracial owner-cooperators organize and plan their community life.

On May 26, 1952, Philadelphia Housing Authority announced an open occupancy policy for all the thirteen existing projects, as well as those built in the future.

Ivy Hall, 1220 North Broad, a privately owned apartment building was opened in 1951. Its nearly 300 tenants are roughly 50 per cent Negro and 50 per cent white.

In Concord Park Homes, Quaker sponsored, suburban Philadelphia got its first interracial subdivision under way (1954). A corporation of more than sixty-five persons was founded which oversubscribed the $100,000 capital stock issue. They spent seventeen months and $17,000 finding necessary mortgage money. These modestly priced, attractive homes were so in demand by Negro buyers that a quota had to be established to avoid perpetuating the ghetto-type all-Negro community. Occupancy approximates a 55-45 ratio with whites predominating. In this development of 140 ranch homes on a fifty-acre plot one mile north of Philadelphia city limits, discrimination against minority groups is being beaten back.

Greenbelt Knoll—a sequel to Concord Park—is a community of nineteen homes priced from $18,850 and up.

These are the only such homes available for Negro purchasers, while scores of developments compete for the white purchaser.

Under construction is another—Cheney Homesteads—a pilot project of seventeen non-segregated homes across the street from Cheney State Teachers' College. Various new ideas for interracial housing are being explored.

In the summer of 1957 a Negro family bought a home in all-white Levittown. The frenzy and the fury that was whipped up over that was heard around the world. Governor George M. Leader declared that the law would protect the right of the family to buy the home they wanted. The courts of

Bucks County have the irresponsible leaders of the mob under injunction to refrain from molesting them, while many neighbors and community leaders are cooperating to enable them to live in their new home in peace and security, and with a sense of belonging.

—Mrs. William L. Hughes, Secretary of Christian Social Relations, Philadelphia Conference

Housing and Segregation in Seattle

The non-white population of Seattle is increasing at a more rapid rate than the white population. During the period between 1920 and 1950 (time of last census) the number of non-white persons had more than doubled, increasing from 12,732 to 27,167. However, in relation to the population of the city the per cent of non-white persons had increased only from 4 per cent in 1920 to 5.8 per cent in 1950. All minority groups, with the exception of the Japanese, had increased both in numbers and per cent with the Negro population showing the largest gain. The proportion of white persons had dropped from just under 96 per cent in 1920 to slightly over 94 per cent in 1950. As of 1950, sixteen of each seventeen persons in Seattle belonged to the dominant white group, while one in seventeen was a member of one of the minority groups.

Although the proportion of non-white persons is not large, it is a sizable group when it comes to the consideration of housing. Ninety per cent of the non-white population lives in a small old area in the center of the city. Although the population has more than doubled, the housing area has remained approximately the same. This old "heart of Seattle" is considered "for minority families" and generally speaking people expect them to stay there. The highest percentage of overcrowding in the city is found within this area. Houses built before 1919 are typical and there is an extremely low percentage of new construction.

The Seattle Urban League says housing is now the most serious problem which minority groups encounter in Seattle. The situation has become much more acute since the 1950 census due to the increase in non-white population with little expansion of housing area.

What are the characteristics of the ten tracts where the non-white population resides? In a study made in 1955 by the Health and Welfare Council of Seattle and King County, certain data have been ranked for the ninety-four tracts so that the rank of one in each instance represents the best and a rank of ninety-four represents the poorest condition. On this basis the ten tracts have an average rank of: 78 in per cent of substandard units (dilapidated, no bath, no running water); 79 in per cent of dwelling units overcrowded; 80 in average amount of rent paid. These housing facilities are continuing to deteriorate.

Many of these families with good income and positions are searching for better homes in more desirable neighborhoods. Traditional residential patterns and lack of understanding have erected strong barriers to this effort. Many real-estate operators cooperate in a "gentleman's agreement" not to *show* property to non-whites believing that a realtor "should not be instrumental in introducing into the neighborhood a character of property which will be detrimental to property values of that neighborhood." (Quote from National Code of Realtors Ethics.)

Calm understanding leads the way to residential patterns more in keeping with our democratic ideals, eliminates fear of economic loss and opens housing supply to all families. There are a number of organizations in Seattle actively working toward bringing about such understanding. Outstanding are the Civic Unity Committee and its cooperating agencies, the Urban League, and the Greater Seatt Housing Council with its twen member agencies and represent tives from public housing, industr real estate, finance, and gover ment.

Research is being carried concerning economic factors, neig borhood attitudes; a speake bureau has been organized; co sultation and referral to appropr ate agencies for specific servic toward increasing availability housing are being offered and reference library of current exper ence, practice, research, and legi lation has been established. T Greater Seattle Housing Council also recommending the working o of specific problems by neighbo hood groups.

In public housing, in Seattl there has been no discriminatio against non-whites. Also the mino ity families have been well accepte by the white people in the housi projects.

Suburban development has be the outstanding housing moveme in Seattle during the past ten yea Not only have residential area "mushroomed" but large attracti shopping centers have also be built. The shifting population definitely away from the old residential areas. Very few no whites are found in the suburbs.

The proposed North-South fre way, passing through Seattle, u doubtedly will present some hou ing problems for minority familie since the planned route will pa through the full length of the no white section. As far as can b determined no provision has, as ye been made for people who a being displaced. Low-income fam ilies, of course, will be eligible f public housing. Others will nee to find homes for themselves. T question is, who will assist the no white persons in finding housing

The Urban Renewal plan als poses the same problem. As ye no plans have been formulated f Urban Renewal in Seattle. A co ordinator was appointed recentl

to work with the City Planning Commission and other agencies concerned. Renewal projects will take place mostly in the section where the non-whites live because it is the type of area that needs "renewing." Here again the people involved have not yet been thought about, only the project. At this point we must have faith in our fine organizations concerned with housing. Perhaps both the freeway project and the Urban Renewal will be the starting point for action on the part of the people of Seattle.

—Mrs. O. C. Atwell,
Pacific Northwest Conference

From Milwaukee's Viewpoint

No matter from which angle we approach the heart of any city, we pass houses which cause us to shudder and wonder how people can live in them. Why do they live here? Why don't they do something about it? Why don't they move out?

Where would they move? To our neighborhood? "No," we say. "Our property would drop below market value, for we would surely have to sell, probably all the neighbors would sell. Or if we did stay our children might play with their children and it could lead to intermarriage. Then, too, they are sure to raise the crime rate."

City Hall says there seems to be an apathy on the part of the citizenry concerning slum clearance. That's a pretty good excuse to hide behind. Apathy—not the tired blood kind—but apathy which says, "If I am apathetic about this evil I won't have to change my attitude about minorities moving into my good neighborhood."

Can it be that the people living in these slum houses (where sometimes the bed never has a chance to cool, or has four or five children sleeping in it; where one bathtub must meet the needs of sixteen people and one toilet the needs of eight people as this is the maximum which the Health Code allows)—can it be that these are the ones Christ meant when he said, "Inasmuch as ye did it not to one of the least of these, ye did it not to me?"

Can it be any concern of ours that there are unscrupulous landlords who charge exorbitant rents so that in two and one-half weeks a sufficient amount of $452 has been collected to pay the property tax and the remaining $8,000 is pure gold profit? The thirty-two occupants of this house cost the city $117.90 for each person for municipal services (not including schooling) or a total of $2,772.80. Because we don't care to shake off our apathy we must pay.

Can it be any concern of ours that a disproportionately large number of juvenile delinquents find breeding ground for their crimes in decaying neighborhoods so that the cost for the police department is almost three times that for policing such an area as servicing the same number of people in an adjacent, non-blighted area? Taxpayers throughout the state help pay for the rehabilitation of these offenders. In ten years time we invest $45,000 in one offender doing ten years at a state penitentiary, after the damage has been done!

Is it a concern of ours? The United Church Women of the Milwaukee Area felt that it was and have developed a colored slide presentation with a commentary which they show to member churches and other organizations. They actively participate in supporting the Common Council in Urban Renewal explorations.

Informed action by Christian women is needed in the fight against bad housing, overcrowding, discrimination as to color and religion, and against those who deal in human misery!

—Wilma Hampel, District Secretary, Christian Social Relations, Milwaukee District

From Nebraska Conference

The Methodist Church in Manhattan, Kansas, has empowered the Commission on Christian Social Relations to make a survey to determine the needs of the non-white people there in housing and in general living conditions. They are planning to set up a class of instruction for the Negroes on city ordinances, petitions, paving contracts, complaints that they may know better how to help themselves. They are also seeking ways to make improved housing conditions for the non-white foreign college students.

An instance has been brought to my attention that emphasizes how our actions may create unfavorable neighborhood climates. An American born citizen of Oriental ancestry was promised the rental of an apartment until the landlord became aware of her racial background. He refused to rent to her because he was afraid the neighbors would not approve.

Another man did rent an apartment to her. She asked him if it made any difference that she was of another race. He said, "Not in the least." This residence is in an older, more staid part of town. Three years have passed and no one has made a complaint.

This landlord had the Christian conviction to stand by what he thought was the right thing to do. The woman is an active member of the Wesleyan Service Guild, is employed in the local Methodist Hospital and her two sons are active members of the MYF. Both landlords are active members in the same Methodist church.

We need to study housing situations because nearly all towns and cities have occupied areas that are not fit for human habitation. However, our studies are of no value unless we have the courage and the will to follow them with constructive action. We cannot have decent housing for the masses until consecrated men and women take the initiative to put Christian principle into action. Christ needs us *now* to respect the dignity of all.

—Mrs. Reuben Wilds, Secretary, Christian Social Relations.

WESLEYAN SERVICE GUILD

REPORTS OF JURISDICTION SECRETARIES TO THE STANDING COMMITTEE OF THE WESLEYAN SERVICE GUILD

Northeastern Jurisdiction

MISS NORA BUBB, *Secretary*

The Northeastern Jurisdiction as of the October, 1957, report, had a total of 449 units and 10,710 members.

A survey was made early in the fall to become acquainted with the status of Guild activities in the jurisdiction. According to reports, eleven conferences are fully organized, two conferences with new secretaries are in the process of organizing, and six conferences are partially organized. Ten conferences reported holding Coaching Conferences. Fifteen conferences held annual Guild meetings and weekends. These were well planned and there was an increase in attendance. Special emphasis at many of the weekends was placed on the study of the Charter of Racial Policies.

The second Jurisdiction Annual Guild Meeting and Weekend was held April 5-7, 1957. This was a successful weekend and the interest shown by local Guild members was most gratifying. At the pledge service, $51,094 was pledged to missions by the eighteen conferences represented. The third Annual Meeting and Weekend is scheduled for March 13-15, 1959, at The Inn, Buck Hill Falls, Pennsylvania.

Nine conference Guild secretaries participated in the Regional Workshops conducted to study group dynamics, group action, and leadership development. The feeling expressed by conference Guild secretaries has been that these workshops were highly stimulating, most worth while, and have resulted in a better understanding and closer relationship between the Guilds and the Woman's Society of Christian Service. Conference Promotion Workshops have been held with excellent results. Conference Guild secretaries were urged to arrange with conference officers of the Woman's Society to hold workshops at times when Guild members could attend. A number of District Promotion Workshops also have been held.

Three conference Guilds have ratified the Charter of Racial Policies. This is considered one of the most important actions for Guilds to take this year. Other conferences continue to study the Charter preparatory to its presentation for ratification at future conference Annual Meetings and Weekends. Eleven conferences reported on the Check Lists on Racial Policies. As an interim measure pending presentation of the Charter at the next Jurisdiction Annual Meeting and Weekend, the members of the standing committee meeting November 22-24, 1957, made it a matter of record that they approve the Charter of Racial Policies.

Southeastern Jurisdiction

MRS. E. V. ENNIS, *Secretary*

The Spirit of Christ for All of Life has been a guiding beacon in our work in the Guild in the jurisdiction. We have passed along the suggestions for getting new members and have originated some others, with a great deal of work being done along these lines. One conference reported 225 new members. Another district is having a tea during Guild Month, inviting only new members and those responsible for obtaining the new member! Plans are being made for the observance of Guild Month.

All but one of the conference Guild secretaries attended a Regional Workshop on Promotion. Wonderful expressions of appreciation and benefit have come concerning the workshops. Many are already using the methods and techniques demonstrated. Some had made their first plans to have interracial meetings as follow-ups.

We are considering holding the Annual Weekend in connection with the Jurisdiction Annual Meeting rather than the School of Missions. This may be tried in 1959.

We have been working on the Check List on the Charter of Racial Policies, but we do not yet have a complete report on that. Guilds have shown good records in members voting, use of visual aids, and in observance of United Nations Day. We feel that the new report blanks have helped to make reporting better and easier.

Central Jurisdiction

MRS. VELMA JETER, *Secretary*

There are 240 units with 4,741 members. Progress is being made in giving, with an increase in Cash for Supply and in Giving on Appropriations. The jurisdiction shows promise of capable leadership.

Most conferences studied the Charter of Racial Policies. Attention is being given to many areas of Christian Social Relations. Washington, Lexington, Louisiana, Mississippi, and Texas Conferences reported enthusiastic participation in the Workshops on Promotion.

Reporting has been one of our weaknesses, with 64 per cent of the conferences sending in their reports. All reporting conferences had Conference Schools of Missions, but

the percentage of the attendance of Guild members could stand much improvement. The Jurisdiction School of Missions had nine conferences represented with Mrs. E. V. Ennis, Southeastern Jurisdiction Guild secretary, as exchange student. Miss Lillian Johnson was with us for the Guild Weekend. Because of lack of Cultivation Funds in the jurisdiction the conference secretaries were again asked to chair the Lines of Work. This would assure us of their presence at the meetings. Coaching conferences are being given special attention in most of the conferences. Requests are constantly coming in for copies of the Coaching Conference Suggestions on Program (No. 3). This is very encouraging.

Last but not least, Spiritual Life Enrichment continues with local prayer groups, use of the Worship Booklet and other Spiritual Life literature, evangelistic participation in the general church program, and observance of special days.

North Central Jurisdiction

MISS FRIEDA BLUM, *Secretary*

One of our high lights of the past year was our two-week Tour with a Mission through the South Central states, visiting Woman's Division and Methodist institutions. Thirty-three Guild members and six young women interested in Christian vocations made the tour.

Another high light was our third Jurisdiction Weekend at Detroit with 457 registered. Miss Lillian Johnson was with us. Regional and Conference Workshops on Promotion have kept us busy. Nine conference secretaries attended the regional workshops and five sent representatives. Nearly all attended their conference workshop or had their representative there, including two who did not get to the regional workshop. About half of the district secretaries attended the conference workshops, of which nine were held on weekends. Most were high in their praise and felt they had learned a great deal and appreciated the opportunities for Guild and Woman's Society members to work together and come to understand each other better. They felt that it was a bit early to assess all the results of the workshops, and some were a bit discouraged that the district Guild secretaries who "needed it most" were the ones who did not get there.

The change in methods of reporting, whereby the rolls were cleared twice in one year, may have been responsible for the drop in membership over a year ago in the annual reports. The conferences have been stressing membership in all meetings for the past nine months; many secretaries mimeographed and sent out the membership suggestions which they had received from the Guild office. One conference set a goal of a ten-percent increase in membership for the year. Another is working on strengthening and organizing Guilds of younger women. Several felt that the Promotion Workshops would be a help and that the better relationship and understanding between Guilds and Woman's Society functions would eventually lead to the organization of more Guilds.

South Central Jurisdiction

MRS. H. C. PLETZ, *Secretary*

All conferences have made our Membership Crusade the most important project of the year, with the result that we have made large gains in this area. This will continue to be our main project.

There is a constant increase in Mission Study Courses taken from jurisdiction recognition and an ever-increasing interest on the part of our Guild women in "studies." Our Guild Weekends continue to be a most important occasion. We had 600 in attendance in 1957 with an excellent program worked out by the three chairmen with the jurisdiction secretary. It is self-evident to us that a far more effective program can be set up with this group working at it together.

A survey taken in our jurisdiction indicates that our women considered the Workshops on Promotion to be beneficial, but outstanding only in Bible Study and fellowship, since the methods used were those being constantly used by other groups. Some of our Guild women had to choose between Workshops on Promotion and Guild Weekend, and felt the Guild Weekend would be more valuable. Some felt that not enough consideration was given to the fact that our women work and cannot attend these meetings unless they are planned for evenings and weekends.

South Central Jurisdiction Guilds will go to Japan on our 1958 Missions Tour with visits in Alaska, Hong Kong, Manila, and Hawaii.

There is a wonderful spirit prevailing throughout the jurisdiction and we all feel deeply dedicated to the year ahead.

Western Jurisdiction

MRS. CLARENCE JONES, *Secretary*

The vast areas and great distances of our jurisdiction are the reason for many of our problems of arranging meetings and promoting attendance, but we feel that we have made progress. Fifty-two new Guilds were organized last year, with a net gain of 735 members. We had a $7.18 per capita giving for all the money sent to the Division treasurer.

We had a successful Guild Weekend at Berkeley, California, with more than 200 Guild members registered. One successful feature was the workshop on membership, where those attending exchanged ideas on increasing membership and improving programs. They felt they had a part in planning the emphasis on membership for this year.

Our School of Missions was well attended with most of the conference secretaries present; in addition three of the chairmen of lines of

work and our member-at-large were allowed to attend. They attended the clinic for their line of work, rather than the Guild clinic. They found the contact most helpful in clearing up some of the problems of work in the two organizations. By getting acquainted with the jurisdiction secretaries, they were able to work more effectively with them.

The Workshops on Promotion have been helpful; the Woman's Society members have aided the Guilds in carrying the material to Guild members, since many Guild people were unable to attend. Guilds have already made good use of these techniques and are making future plans to use them. Personally, I felt that this was the best workshop of this type I had ever attended and I also feel that something along this line of practical methods of carrying on our work should be worked out in connection with Conference Weekends in the future.

The Guilds are more conscious than ever about the problems of membership and are aware of cooperation with the Woman's Society; many are planning joint meetings in January. I feel that our membership will again show an increase this year. We have many opportunities in our jurisdiction, especially with so many new churches being organized in some sections. I am sure that these new churches will hear about the Guild and be encouraged to form local Guilds.

In closing, may I say this report would not have been possible without the untiring work of conference and district secretaries and local members.

RECOMMENDATIONS FROM COMMITTEES

Committee on Promotion

MISS RUBY MAE HOPE, *Chairman*

The Committee on Promotion feels that the emphasis on membership is of sufficient importance that it should be continued; therefore

It is recommended that there be a continuation of emphasis on membership with particular attention given to assimilation of new members.

It is further recommended that a clarification of the duties of the office of Secretary of Promotion of the standing Committee of the Wesleyan Service Guild be made.

Committee on Supply Work

MRS. PAUL KITZMILLER, *Chairman*

The Committee recommends:

1. That the jurisdiction Secretaries of Supply Work of the Woman's Society send copies of their report (as concerns the Guilds) to the Chairman of Supply Work of the Guild standing committee.

2. That the jurisdiction secretaries of the Guild send to the Chairman of Supply Work of the standing committee a list of Askings as broken down for her conferences.

3. That whenever there is a Tour With a Mission within the conference or jurisdiction the Supply Work Chairman recognize this as a good educational medium for Supply Work.

4. That all Supply Work chairmen from the standing committee through all levels study the Supply Work *Handbook*, and that they become acquainted with other available materials, such as are listed in the *Handbook*.

Committee on Christian Social Relations

MISS RUTH FOY, *Chairman*

We recommend:

1. That the Wesleyan Service Guild study and accept the recommendations of the Department of Christian Social Relations as a
cepted at the 1958 Annual Meeti
of the Woman's Division of Chri
tian Service. (See March issue
THE METHODIST WOMAN.)

2. The implementation of t
Charter of Racial Policies by co
tinuing to emphasize and interpr
the Charter.

3. That the Wesleyan Servi
Guild give special consideration
the study course in the area
Christian Social Relations, "Unde
standing Other Cultures."

4. That the Wesleyan Servi
Guild continue to pursue a code
Christian ethics practical for ever
day living.

5. That the Wesleyan Servi
Guild members not only take
more active, intelligent part in civ
and community activities, but th
it support capable women who a
cept political responsibilities.

6. That the Wesleyan Servi
Guild plan a United Nations To
and Seminar for the Easter Ho
days in 1959.

Committee on Missionary Education

DR. LOUISE BRANSCOMB, *Chairma*

We recommend:

1. That increased emphasis
placed on the quality of work do
in the study courses, with encou
agement to meet Jurisdiction Re
ognition Credit where condition
are suitable.

2. That emphasis be continu
on recruitment, particularly as
applies to the mature woman.

Charter of Racial Policies
Ratified by the
Wesleyan Service Guilds
of
Ohio Conference
January 25, 1958

September

Vice-President: As chairman of the Committee on Program distribute *My Date Book* which includes program calendar.

Treasurer: In cooperation with the Secretary of Promotion, promote the use of My World Bank.

Promotion: Be aware of activities to report for Local Church Activities.

Missionary Education: Present the study plans for 1958-1959 which have been recommended by the Committee on Program.

Christian Social Relations: Continue work on Citizenship Brunches.

Youth Work: Talk with the World Friendship Group of Girls to learn about their plans for the months ahead. Provide the program material *Concerns Unlimited.*

Children's Work: Meet with the council of children's workers to plan year's work including missionary education.

Spiritual Life: Promote Fellowship of Intercession. (See the July-August issue of THE METHODIST WOMAN.)

Supply Work: Present Christmas needs in a new and interesting way.

Literature and Publications: Order material for Week of Prayer and Self-Denial at least three weeks before needed.

October

Vice-President: Assist in observance of United Nations Day and Week of Prayer and Self-Denial.

Treasurer: Help to promote offering for Week of Prayer and Self-Denial.

Missionary Education: Give information on those projects of the Woman's Division which are to receive gifts from the study, "Christian Concerns of North American Neighbors."

Christian Social Relations: Cooperate in program related to National Conference on Family Life.

Youth Work: Cooperate with the local church Committee on Vocations in plans for the months ahead.

Spiritual Life: Cooperate in observance of Week of Prayer and Self-Denial.

Supply Work: Stimulate interest in the foreign projects on your list.

Literature and Publications: Work for renewals of combination subscriptions to THE METHODIST WOMAN and WORLD OUTLOOK.

November

Vice-President: Present the World Federation of Methodist Women.

Promotion: Review the work of the past six months and evaluate the effectiveness of the work.

Service Training session.

Spiritual Life: Urge attendance at World Day of Prayer. Plan for a Day Apart service during Lenten season.

Supply Work: Do some Supply Work for a project in the home fields on your list of *Askings* and visit the institution, if possible.

March

Christian Social Relations: Study adopted recommendations for action in March issue of THE METHODIST WOMAN.

Wesleyan Service Guild: Hold a Sunday morning Lenten Communion breakfast arranged by Committee on Spiritual Life.

Student Work: Suggest to the Committee on Program that a deputation team of students from a nearby college be invited to lead a worship service for the Woman's Society.

Children's Work: Attend vacation church-school institute.

April

Treasurer: Call a meeting of Committee on Finance to prepare the 1959-1960 budget. Urge all members to complete pledge payments.

Promotion: Encourage attendance at district and subdistrict meetings.

Youth Work: Provide resources for adult workers in the MYF for the study of "Christian Concerns of North American Neighbors."

Literature and Publications: Help your district win the banner for new combination subscriptions to THE METHODIST WOMAN and WORLD OUTLOOK.

May

General: Adopt budget; elect and install officers; plan Officers' Training Day; plan for representation at Summer School of Missions; change circle membership.

President: Report on year's work.

Vice-President: Meet with Committee on Program to evaluate year's programs and begin plans for next year.

Treasurer: Be sure all available funds are forwarded to conference (or district) treasurer by May 10.

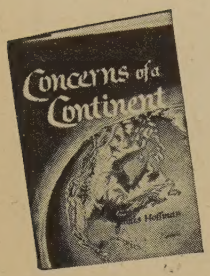
Promotion: Send list of newly-elected officers with complete addresses to district Secretary of Promotion.

Christian Social Relations: Cooperate in May Fellowship Day and Family Life Week.

Literature and Publications: Order copies of *Program Book*, *Worship Booklet*, and *My Date Book* for 1959-1960.

Supply Work: Go over list of *Askings* for the year to be certain all requests have been met by the Society.

APPROVED STUDIES 1958-1959



Theme: Christian Concerns of North American Neighbors

Concerns of a Continent. Edited by James Hoffman. Outstanding experts in their respective fields have contributed chapters calling particular attention to the work of the church and situations which challenge it. Areas covered are Alaska, Canada, the United States, Mexico, Hawaii, and the Caribbean Islands. $1.50.

The Shadows They Cast. By Janette T. Harrington. These biographies of notable North American Christians give pen portraits and intimate glimpses, not only of these personalities but also of the people and work of the church in many parts of our continental neighborhood. $1.50.

Adult Guide on Christian Concerns of North American Neighbors. By Rhoda Edmeston. 50 cents.

The Challenge of Home Missions. A booklet with pictures on the over-all work of the Department of Work in Home Fields of the Woman's Division. Personalizes the study for our Methodist women. 50 cents.

Political Map of North America. Indispensable for group discussion on "North American Neighbors." In color; 45 by 30 inches. 75 cents.

Place Mats for Study of North American Neighbors. The *Political Map of North America* in place mat size. 50 cents a dozen.

Theme: A Study of Isaiah

Isaiah Speaks. By S. Paul Schilling. A beautiful interpretation of the two prophets of rare talent appears in this splendid text. 75 cents.

Guide to Isaiah Speaks. By Estelle Darsey Dameron. 35 cents.

Book of Isaiah. 5 cents.

Behold Your God! By Faye W. Brownfield. A playlet based on the Book of Isaiah introducing *Isaiah Speaks*. 25 cents.

Map—The Divided Kingdom. For use with "A Study of Isaiah." 24 by 18 inches. 35 cents.

Theme: The Middle East

Middle East Pilgrimage. By R. Park Johnson. This valuable book gives significant insight into the contributions of the Christian church in the Middle East, also into other religions and secular forces at work in this resurgent area. $1.50.

New Voices, Old Worlds. By Paul Geren. Significant leadership of missionaries and local born Christians is portrayed in this series of biographical histories of twentieth-century Christians in the Middle East. $1.50.

Adult Guide on the Middle East. By Y. Armajani. 50 cents.

The Lands Between. By John Badeau. A concise and popularly written background book for the study of the Middle East. $1.75.

Political Map of the Middle East and North Africa. In color; 45 by 30 inches. 75 cents.

Place Mats for the Middle East Study. Political Map in place mat size. 50 cents a dozen.

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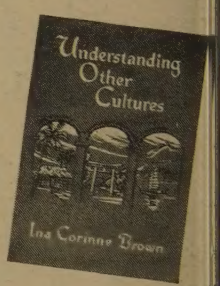

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